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Late NI mayor Aldan is laid to rest

By JON PEREZ

REPORTER

ain poured a few seconds as soon as the last concrete slab was put in place on the burial ground of the late Francisco Jerome Kaipat Aldan, as if the heavens also said its farewell to the former Northern Islands mayor who was a vocal critic of the U.S. military's planned bombing activities on Pagan.

Pagan is one of the 10 islands that compose the Municipality of the Northern Islands, an island chain scattered over an area of more than

500 square kilometers in the Western Pacific.

Aldan died on Feb. 18 after suffering from a likely heart attack. He was 43 years old. He is survived by his mother Clotilde, spouse Norma,

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Resolution remembers Aldan's contributions

By JON PEREZ

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tion acknowledges the contributions of the late Northern Islands mayor

Jerome Kaipat Aldan to the CNMI, especially for the people of Pagan.

Aldan was elected the seventh navor of the Northern Islands in 2014 following the footsteps of his father, the late Tobias Aldan, who

also served as the municipality's head a few years ago. The younger Aldan died on Feb. 18, leaving behind his mother Clotilde, spouse Norma, and children Celing, Zachary, Zasha, Za-

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LOCAL

At least 1,104 attended last Friday the 9th annual JP Memorial Glow Run.

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'Moonlight"-not, as it turned out, "La La Land"-won best picture at the Academy.

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The thespian festival cried Wolf!

SACRAMENTO, Calif.— And the festival cried "Wolf!"

Twelve-year-old Jonathan Wolf yet again set a first for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Wolf obtained a "superior" rank, the highest recognition in the Junior Thespian Festival, and was awarded the Freddie G – All Festival Performance trophy after topping all male performers.

Over 1,500 students flooded the Sacramento Convention Center and Sacramento Memorial Auditorium to take part in the first-ever collaboration of the Junior Thespian Festival and Junior Theater Festival West.

Wolf's "superior" rank was obtained with his partner, Juliet Inocencio, in their Na-

tional Individual Events at the of 1,429 students. Junior Thespian Festival.

They were the only Superior-Award Duet Acting team to land a main stage performance for the closing of the festivity. The four other on-stage performers include two monologues and two solo musicals.

The Feb. 10-12 debut of JTF West featured the participation of 35 groups, for a total

Wolf captured the hearts of numerous icons during the adjudication and main stage performances.

"Such a fun kid to watch, very captivating and humble. I look forward to seeing more of him," said Douglas Berlon, deputy executive director, Educational Theatre Association. "You are such a wonderful man, very natural!"

iTheatrics founder and CEO Timothy McDonald of Musical Theater International (Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka and James and the Giant Peach, The Phantom Tollbooth) felt the gravity of Wolf's personality.

"You are amazing! Continue your path and I hope to see more of you," he said. He later requested a "selfie" with Wolf from Wolf's mother/coach, Johanne Kristine Wolf.

Ken Cerniglia, Ph.D., Dramaturg and Literary manager at Disney Theatrical Group, was enthralled. "What an actor! I was hoping he had more lines.... I was drawn to his performance."

Reacting to Wolf's performance in the 15-minute, no-props, no costume Into The Woods, Dean McFlicker, senior vice president and creative director of Original Production, Live Events and Promotional Programming, NBC Entertainment, an award-winning producer and director of countless productions, said: "Jonathan Wolf is a

star in the making. Watch out Broadway, he should be coming your way!"

It was Luca Padovan (Newsies, School of Rock) and Ryann Redmond (If/ Then, Bring It On The Musical) who announced Wolf's being presented with the Freddie G – All Festival Performance trophy.

They made the announcement on the main stage among the almost-4000-full capacity of the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium.

Wolf was also selected for The Broadway Jr. Slam and Performance All-Star.

He also landed an invitation to perform at the International Thespian Society in Lincoln, Nebraska and a JTF All-Star invitation to iTheatrics Junior Theater Academy in New York City.

The Junior Thespian Festival and Junior Theater Festival West will be holding the same festival next year in February. For more information on upcoming events visit the JTF EdTA and JTF West websites. (Saipan Tribune)



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'Rebranding needed to bring back the Japan market'

Rep. Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero (R-Saipan) believes that rebranding efforts should focus on bringing back the Japanese market to the Commonwealth.

Japanese arrivals in the CNMI have been dropping in the last six years, from 49 percent in 2011 to 13 percent last year.

This comes at a time when other tourism markets have been surging. Chinese arrivals had the biggest jump from 15 percent to 41 percent last year. Korea has been consistent and is the CNMI's largest market, comprising 44 percent of its tourism numbers.

Guerrero, the House of Representatives' Commerce and Tourism committee chairman, was part of the CNMI group that met with the Japan Marianas Tourism Club last week at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog, Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Chris Concepcion and MVA board chair Marian Aldan-Pierce, Japanese Consul Toshio Matsumura, and other agencies involved in the Japanese tourism market were also part of the meeting.

Guerrero said that one of JMTC's concerns was that there are not enough activities in the CNMI. He is also disappointed that the CNMI is being compared to other destinations in the region.

"It is not fair to compare the CNMI with Guam or Hawaii. We are a unique community and destination. We should brand ourselves differently from others since tourism is very competitive nowadays. Why should we brand ourselves like Guam, Hawaii, the [United States] Virgin Islands, or the others out there?"

"Branding the CNMI, not only Saipan but also Tinian and Rota, is what we should do. What do they also have on Tinian and Rota, activities they offer, and what historical sites they could visit. We must not concentrate only in one area. We need to branch out and come up with something new for our tourists."

He said the meeting was basically to identify what needs to be done for the CNMI to become an alternative destination for Japanese tourists. "We need to identify and understand what they want. We need to develop more activities and come up with innovative ideas."

"If we need to clean the CNMI, especially western Garapan on Saipan, then that should be our focus. If they say that we need to have more restaurants that offer our local cuisine, then we should encourage our people to open restaurants like that."

Shopping outlets or other

establishments where tourists could buy local produce, a zipline, and a monorail that goes around the island are some of the ideas that Guerrero could think of that could also attract potential investors.

Ecotourism, especially on the island of Pagan, is one idea that he says CNMI officials could look into. "Ecotourism in Pagan is a very good idea. The island is pristine and abundant in natural resources. That should flourish."

Rep. Edwin K. Propst (Ind-Saipan) supports the bid to lure back Japanese tourists. "Gov. [Ralph DLG] Torres, MVA

[managing director] Chris Concepcion and the board, and so many other people are working hard to bring back the Japanese market."

"Some say the ship has already sailed with regards to the Japan market and we could no longer get them back. But we have to try to have any segment or chance when it comes to tourism since this is our bread and butter. We need to try."

He added that the CNMI could learn a thing or two on how Guam managed to maintain the Japanese market. "Guam is our neighbor and they are doing well with Japa-

nese market. Even if there's a drop, still they are quite doing well compared to us."

"If we can rebuild our relationship and work on these things. Then it is something to think about and explore. Because we must try—not just raise our hands, throw in the towel and give up."

He added the CNMI community should unite for what's best for the people. "We are a resilient community. A diversified market is always good and there are other things that we need to pursue. I've had had extensive talks with our governor and he's all for that." (Jon Perez.)

Woman gets suspended sentence for assault

A woman accused of assaulting two sisters, causing one to faint, pleaded guilty last week and was slapped with a one-year suspended sentence.

Carlet Ann Mendez Anota, 19, pleaded guilty to assault and battery. The remaining charges of assault and battery and disturbing the peace were dropped.

Despite cash reward, still no info on missing pickup

The owner of the stolen red 1989 Toyota Hilux with license plate ABK-269 appealed yesterday to authorities and the public to help him locate his pickup.

Despite a \$300 cash reward June Alipio offered last Friday, he has not received tips or any information about his truck and who stole it.

"I could not sleep. Even my two children are affected," said the Kensington Hotel employee.

Anyone who has information about the case may call Alipio or the Department of Public Safety.

Alipio parked the truck near Guangdong Hardware in As Lito last Feb. 19 at 1:30pm. The truck was already missing as he was about to go home at 6pm. He immediately called the police.

The truck has an Air Jordan sticker on the back window.

The NMI Crime Stoppers Program has yet to release information about the case. (Ferdie de la Torre) Anota will be placed on probation for a year. She was required to pay a \$200 fine, \$25 in court costs, \$616 in restitution to one victim, and to undergo anger management. During her probation, Anota is not allowed to drink alcoholic beverages.

Anota hit the victims on July 29, 2016, on Saipan. One victim was hit in the head, causing her to faint. She hit the other victim in the face and yelled profanities at them.

Assistant attorney general J. Robert Glass Jr. prosecuted the case. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

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Tinger: CUC must develop financial reserves

Commonwealth Utilities Corp. must build up its

implement the drinking water

financial reserves to fund and and wastewater master plan, according to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency project coordinator John Tinger.

Man to undergo drug test every other day

The federal court has ordered an every-other-day drug test for an ex-convict who had repeatedly failed past drug tests in violation of his supervision condition.

At a revocation proceeding on Friday, Justin A. Funkugub was allowed to remain free but he must contact the U.S. Probation Office every day by telephone.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge David O. Carter also ordered Funkugub to be tested for controlled substances that day, Friday, and yesterday, Monday.

The judge continued the revocation hearing to March 8, 2017 at 1:30pm.

According to the minutes of the hearing, after the court reconvened at 11:40am that day, Friday, assistant U.S. attorney Eric O'Malley, counsel for the U.S. government, informed

the parties that the drug test result from that day had come back presumptive negative because the specimen was diluted or Funkugub may have used illegal drugs in the past.

Carter ordered Funkugub to be tested again yesterday, Monday. Funkugub was summoned to appear in court yesterday at 9am.

U.S. Probation officer Gregory Arriola said the test sample had been sent out for further testing.

Funkugub, who appeared with his court-appointed counsel David Banes, admitted to allegations of "ice" use and for making unauthorized movement, in violation of the location monitoring program rules. He denied allegations that he failed to report to an individual counseling session and drug test last Wednesday.

Carter found that the defendant had violated the conditions of his supervised release conditions.

Assistant U.S. attorney O'Malley did not object to Funkugub's continued release provided that he be ordered to contact the U.S. Probation Office every day and that he be tested for drug use every other day.

Funkgub had no objection. He stated he would be able to abide by those conditions.

In 2012, the court slapped Funkugub with a 24-month prison term after being convicted of possession of a firearm. His supervised release was revoked several times for using "ice." (Ferdie de la Torre)

In a declaration filed in federal court, Tinger said the financial reserves are needed for emergency operations and maintenance.

"CUC must establish a rate structure to generate sufficient revenues," he said.

Tinger's declaration was in support of the U.S. government's February 2017 status report on CUC projects.

Tinger pointed out that stipulated order 1 requires CUC to have an interim financial plan and a final financial plan that will generate enough revenue to cover compliance activities, the stipulated orders, and measures necessary to ensure compliance with the Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act.

Stipulated order 1 also requires CUC to have an EPAcomprehensive approved drinking water and wastewater master plan to determine current and future infrastructure needs for a 20-year period, and to provide a long-term plan for CUC's drinking water and wastewater system improvements.

As part of his responsibilities, Tinger conducted inspections and site reviews of CUC's Agingan and Sadog Tasi sewage treatment plants, collection system, pump stations, and water tanks. (Ferdie de la Torre)

MBA NOTABLES

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The Marianas Baptist Academy's NJSDA team us shown here with principal Ramir Trinidad and coaches Ellen Alejo and Gospel Trinidad. The NJSDA regional competition was held at Mount Carmel School on Feb. 22-25, 2017. Deancey Chua participated in impromptu, poetry, and prose; Victoria Santos competed in Lincoln Douglas debate and is a semi-finalist in dramatic interpretation and in story telling. Timothy Acosta and Christian Dean Palattao placed fourth place in duo interpretation. Timothy Acosta will be representing prose at the national level. He will be with the NJSDA CNMI

national team that will go to Birmingham, Alabama in June.

RESOLUTION

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vannah, and Zode.

Rep. Angel A. Demapan's (R-Saipan) resolution, House Commemorative Resolution 20-1, listed Aldan's work in various capacities.

He either organized or planned the first Northern Frontier Summit, Pagan fishing community, Pagan cold fish storage, Gani Islands field trips, community roadside and scenic beautification, Gani Islands Homestead Development Program, Gani Islands Resettlement and Redevelopment, and the Discover Pagan Work Group.

He was an advocate of nature-based tourism and a member of Save Pagan Island, CNMI Forestry Advisory Council, CNMI Historic Preservation Office, NRCS Soil Mapping for the Northern Islands (assistant), Marianas Trench Marine National Monument working group, Parents Anonymous, Criminal Justice Planning Agency advisory board, and the Northern Marianas College-Cooperative Research Extension and Education Service agricultural master plan for Pagan consul-

The Northern Frontier is considered Aldan's top program; he worked diligently to revive the community in the Northern Islands, particularly on Pagan.

"[He worked]...to improve the infrastructure and to reinstate the homestead resettlement program while preserving and protecting the pristine lands and waters of the Northern Islands," said Demapan.

"[His] perseverance and

dedication to the people of the CNMI, especially the residents of the Northern Islands, and his love for the CNMI are iconic. He represented the people with honor and dignity, and served as an advocate of his people. [He] fought for their rights and sought to pro-

tect and preserve their lands."

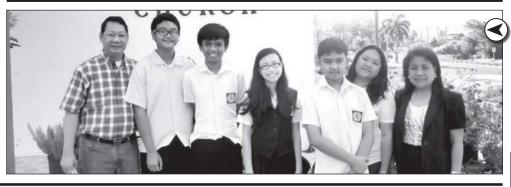
Rep. Joseph Leepan T. Gurrero (R-Saipan) remembered Aldan as one of those who opposed the plans of the U.S. military and federal government to conduct bombing activities on Pagan. "He did not allow the federal government to come in and destroy the island."

Guerrero added that with Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) facilitating the National Parks Service's study in establishing a national park on Rota, Aldan wanted the same thing for Pagan, "a separate study for Pagan."

"Turn [Pagan] into a park for the betterment of the community."

He said Aldan wants the people of the Northern Islands to return to their lands and establish a community there. "I support his programs in the establishment of a community there. Give [the people] better opportunity to reap the fruits of Pagan with its natural resources and at the same time to also build a trade route [to the others islands]."

"The area is so pristine that [Pagan] is good for ecotourism and the land for agriculture. It is a good land for planting and at the same time for aquaculture since it is abundant with fish. These are marketable products that can be brought and sold not only in the CNMI but also in Guam and other areas near us," added Guerrero.



ALDAN

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and children Celing, Zachary, Zasha, Zavannah, and Zode.

Acting governor Victor B. Hocog remembered Aldan for pushing the resettlement of Pagan, locally known as Islan Gani siha.

Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan) read Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' eulogy.

Torres, who is currently in Washington, D.C., apologized for not being able to attend the funeral as he needs to attend several meetings that concern the recommendations they made in the 902 report, like the planned military activities in the CNMI.

He said Aldan saw the need to advocate for the people of Pagan. "[His] understanding is that small movements would cascade toward a better future for us all, even if it mean we won't be around to reap those fruits."

"I believe that lesson, the lesson that has me away today...to advocate for the issues he held dear, has great significance for us all as we try and find comfort in each other during this difficult time and it is this very guidance that is a foundation of our Christian faith."

Torres added that Aldan had great dreams for the Northern Islands and its people, a vision that gave him passion and conviction of going up against all odds. "His passion was not for the celebration of victory but was deeply rooted in his faith that even the smallest of voices can find strength in the living spirit of our history and

heart of our people to move mountains.'

Torres said seeing Aldan's passion in defending Pagan firsthand—when he accompanied federal and military officials on a tour of the island last yearchanged him and members of the visiting group.

"Words cannot do justice to the pride he held and how that pride filled his words as he showcased the miraculous beauty of the island. "The importance of the land to our people and the possibilities he saw for the people of Pagan who wished to return to their homeland.

"When he spoke of [Pagan], he was speaking of the families that lived there in the past, many who wish to call the land home today, and the generations ahead of him who would call that place of tremendous beauty home in the future."

Hocog described Aldan as not only an elected leader but also the defender of Pagan. "He actually lived on Pagan until he was 8 years old, when he and his fellow Gani residents were forcibly evacuated to Saipan when the volcano erupted in May 1981. Indeed, he walked the talk."

"His abiding faith...and caring heart portrayed a strong-willed leader, fearless in defending and relentless in protecting what is rightfully owned by his people. A true leader is not one who led but rather one who followed. By all accounts and definitions, Mayor Aldan was a servant leader."

Hocog said that Aldan's character and leadership was shaped when he was growing up on Pagan.

"Exploring innovative ways to provide access up north to literally pave the way to eventually return his constituents back home were influenced by his deep affinity and abiding love of a magical place he grew up on and had deep connections with."

Former lawmaker William Torres, who is a consultant for the Northern Islands Mayor's Office, spoke during the eulogy at Mt. Carmel Cathedral.

"We are united as a people in our great commonwealth in grieving the loss of a good and [capable] leader and experience the pain of losing the voice of conscientious leadership for the underserved and underrepresented people of the Commonwealth/community of Pagan and the Northern Islands so fitting to Jerome," said Torres.

Torres called Aldan "a friend and a brother, that most people consider as the people's mayor."

He described Aldan as a "humble and capable public servant, a gentleman, a natural born leader, a person who loves his community and his people above himself, and a selfless leader who serves his country with moral conviction."

"We will forever miss his gracious presence and his entertaining persona," he added.

According to Torres, Aldan felt a responsibility not only for his children and family, but also for the voiceless others and wanted to be "a voice for those long silenced."

"Adios, brother. You will always be the mayor," added Torres.

Senate President Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan) and members of the Senate, House Speaker Rafael S. Demapan and other representatives, mayors David M. Apatang (Saipan), Joey Patrick San Nicolas (Tinian), Efraim Atalig (Rota), Luis John Castro (acting, Northern Islands) and members of the municipal councils were also present at the state funeral.

CNMI Supreme Court Chief Justice Alexandro Castro and associate justices, CNMI Superior Court presiding judge Robert Naraja and associate justices, Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (D-MP), Attorney General Edward Manibusan, and Cabinet members were also in attendance.

Guam mayors Paul M. Mc-Donald and his spouse Elaine (Agana Heights), Melissa B. Savares (Dededo), Frankie Salas (Asan-Maina), Jessy C. Gogue (Chalan Pago-Ordot), Rudy M. Matanane (Yigo), Kevin Susuico with vice mayor Christopher J. Fejeran (Agat), June Blas with vice mayor Jessie Bautista and executive director Angel R. Sablan (Barrigada), and Keandra McDonald from the office of Sen. Frank Aguon were the other dignitaries.

The Office of the Governor, CNMI Legislature-Senate and House-Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and Northern Islands mayors and municipal councils, Guam mayors, and the CNMI Delegate's office gave Aldan's family plaques of appreciation to honor his service to the people of the Commonwealth. (With Erwin Encinares)

Atkins Kroll Toyota operations manager Alex Hammett, fourth from right, poses with NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez, sixth from right, and NMC students next to the 2017 Toyota Tacoma that will be featured as a hole-in-one prize at the NMC Foundation Golf Tournament on March 18. Also in photo are NMC Foundation board chair Mary Tenorio, seventh from left, and Atkins Kroll manager Doug Brennan, eigth from left. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

NMC FOUNDATION TOURNAMENT

Atkins Kroll offers pickup as hole-in-one prize

Atkins Kroll (Saipan) Toyota is offering a brand new 2017 Toyota Tacoma Access Cab as a hole-in-one prize in the upcoming 14th Annual NMC Foundation Golf Tournament.

"Supporting higher education and workforce development in the Marianas has always been a key priority for Atkins Kroll," said Alex Hammett, operations director of Atkins Kroll (Saipan) Toyota. "We are excited to be part of the NMC Foundation's Golf Tournament this year and look forward to a successful event in March."

"Atkins Kroll has been a longtime supporter of Northern Marianas College and we are extremely thankful for their contribution," said NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez.

"Atkins Kroll's hole-inone donation brings a lot of excitement to the tournament," said Mary Tenorio, NMC Foundation president. "We are definitely grateful for the company's support of the tournament."

The 14th Annual NMC Foundation Open golf tournament will be held on Saturday, March 18, 2017, at the Saipan Laolao Bay Golf & Resort (east course) with a show time of 6am and a shotgun start at 7am. The tournament will follow a medal play format.

First place winners in the men's Championship, A, B, C, Senior, and Ladies Flights will each receive \$500, while \$300 and \$200 will go to the second and third place finishers.

Other hole-in-one prizes include a 2017 Mazda6i Sport from Triple J Motors as well as thousands of dollars in cash prizes offered by McDonald's and Marianas Insurance.

Registration forms are available at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort and at the NMC Cashiers Office, where payments for the registration fee can be made as well.

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The pent-up need in the CNMI for a medical expert on prosthetics is so great that a certified prosthetist and orthotist from Atlanta, Georgia, who came to Saipan to see patients was flooded by patients who've been waiting to see one.

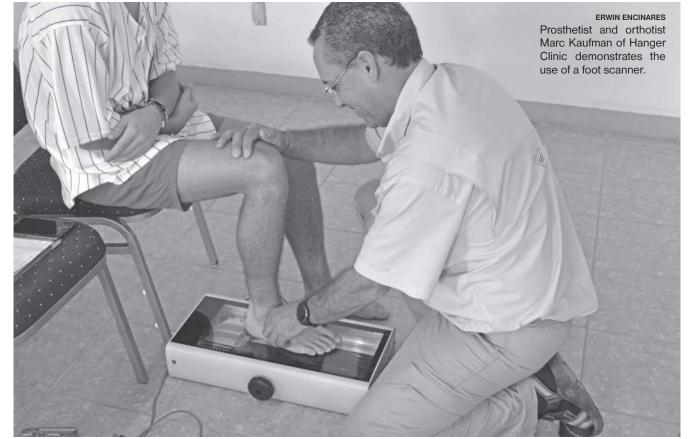
Hanger Clinic Area Clinic manager Marc Kaufman told the Saipan Tribune that he has already processed more than 50 patients over the course of four days on the island.

He started seeing patients last Feb. 19 and was here for four days to provide diabetics and amputees with prosthetic limbs, specialized footbeds, and even specialized footwear.

Kaufman believes there is "definitely opportunity to service other islands."

"I have done things in other countries before. I have gone to Honduras, I have gone to Haiti, and those patients did not have insurance. Here, in a U.S. territory, they have U.S. insurance, so I am able to provide services that they need while the company gets reimbursed for it," he said.

Prosthetist sees 50 patients in four days



Kaufman immediately noticed the high number of patients with diabetes in the Commonwealth.

"Most of the patients I have seen here I am seeing because they have diabetes. Some of them have had strokes, brain

aneurysms, and paralysis on one side of their body," he said. Cases of neurological disease are also present.

"I have also encountered patients that had Charcot-Marie-Tooth, a neurological disease that affects the nerves outside

IT&E invested over \$6 mil-

lion in the CNMI in 2016 and

has the plans to spend at least

the same amount in 2017. Plans

for the islands of Tinian and

Rota are being set in motion to

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the brain and the spinal cord," said Kaufman.

Kaufman said he would be returning to Atlanta to work on the prosthetics before coming back to Saipan in about six weeks to fit the orders for the patients as well as accept other patients who weren't able to see him last week.

Kaufman learned about Saipan through a common friend, physical therapist Pam Carhill of Eucon Medical Health Center.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Puerto Rico Park still closed to public

For safety reasons, the CNMI government is asking the public to refrain from entering the Puerto Rico Park facility. Construction is still at its final phase; therefore, the facility is still considered closed to the public. The park will be officially opened on April 1, 2017. **(PR)**

Chamber meeting on Wednesday

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will hold a general membership meeting on Wednesday, March 1, 2017, at Charley's Cabaret of the Pacific Islands Club. The buffet luncheon begins at 11:30; the meeting starts promptly at noon. Guest speakers will be from Kagman Community Health Center: executive director Vince Castro and Medical Director Katherine Elstun, MD. (PR)

March is 'CNMI Women's Month'

A proclamation recognizing March as "Women's Month" and March 8 as "International Women's Day" was signed yesterday, Feb. 28, at the Governor's Office. CNMI Women's Month is spearheaded by the CNMI Women's Association and the Office of the Special Assistant for Women's Affairs.

The CWA, Office of the Special Assistance for Women's Affairs, and community partners have lined up a series of activities and events for the Women's Month celebration that will give emphasis on the call to include women's concerns and issues in leadership platforms and the government's development agen-

The International Women's Day theme is "Be Bold for Change." The CNMI has adopted "Empowering Women as Leaders of Change" as its theme for 2017.

The CNMI Women's Association is funded by the Community Services block grant. (PR)

WITH ONGOING INTERNET SPEED IMPROVEMENTS IT&E installs new cell site in Tanapag



IT&E announced yesterday that it officially launched its first cellular site in Tanapag last week.

According to chief operating officer John Compton, sites in Dandan and San Antonio are planned for launch this spring.

"We are very happy that we have been able to increase our coverage and add LTE [high-speed wireless data] to the northern part of the island. With the installation of our new fiber network, we're able to achieve faster wireless data speeds and coverage," he said.

Compton noted that two separate programs to improve the internet speed of all residential and business customers is ongoing.

"As we complete our fiber optic cable installations all around the island, we are able to provide faster speeds to our DSL customers. I also want to highlight that we are providing these increased speeds at no additional charge to our DSL customers. As we improve our infrastructure, more of our customers will be receiving much faster speeds at home and in their businesses," he said.

For those that aren't seeing faster speeds, Compton said, multiple crews are working extended hours to fix these situations.

Currently, IT&E is in the process of extending their fiber network into every village and neighborhood on Saipan. As each area nears completion throughout the year, customers will be able to experience even higher speeds.

"With these improvements, customers will be contacted to schedule an appointment to activate this new service and to deliver their new internet modem to enhance their experience in our most affected areas," he said.

Currently, IT&E is investing millions of dollars in both its buried cable and wireless networks to provide improved internet speeds and better overall service. These improvements include laying buried fiber optic cables around the island, connecting all cellular sites to this fiber optic network, and expanding the 4G/LTE capabilities of its

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wireless networks.

Members sought for FEMA youth council

The Federal Emergency Management Agency is seeking applicants for its Youth Preparedness Council.

The council was formed in 2012 to bring together teens from across the country who are interested and engaged in advocating for preparedness.

Council members are selected based on their dedication to public service, efforts in making a difference potential to expand their impact as national advocates for preparedness. Students in 8th through 11th grade are eligible to apply.

The council offers an opportunity for youth leaders to serve on a distinguished national council and participate in the Youth Preparedness Council Summit in Washington, D.C. During their twoyear term, the leaders will complete both a local and national-level project and

share their ideas regarding youth disaster preparedness with national organizations and FEMA leadership.

Youth interested in applying to the council must submit a completed application form, two letters of recommendation, and copies of their academic records. Information about completing and submitting the application and attachments can be found in the application in their communities, and instructions. All applications and supporting materials must be received no later than March 31, 2017, 11:59pm PST in order to be eligible. New Youth Preparedness Council members will be announced in May 2017.

> To access the application materials, read about the current council members, and for more general information about the council, visit www. ready.gov/youth-preparedness-council. (PR)





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At least 1,104 registered participants attended last Friday the 9th annual JP Memorial Glow Run, an untimed annual 5-kilometer fundraising run in memory of John Pangelinan, the former publisher of Saipan Tribune.

Proceeds will go to the Commonwealth Cancer Association's March Against Cancer.

Glow Run 2017 started at the Garapan Fishing Base in Gualo Rai to the 2.5km turning point at Quartermaster Road before going back to

do not include those that were unregistered but continued to walk. According to organizers, participants withdrew their registration upon learning that the limited Glow Run shirts were all sold out.

The event was attended by multiple groups of the community, including soccer clubs and both private and public school students.

School and Dandan Middle School, respectively. Each school received \$500 for their participation.

First place winners for the football clubs went to Kanoa Football Club, followed by Shirley's Football Club and MP United Football Club for second and third place, respectively. Each club received \$100 for their participation.

TanHoldings president Jerry Tan, left, poses with members of the man'amko after the untimed 5-kilometer run portion of the 9th Annual JP Memorial



The Philippines' honorary consul to the CNMI Glicerio "Eli" Arago, fifth from left, poses with members of the community before the 9th Annual JP Memorial Glow Run last Fridav. **ERWIN ENCINARES**



Avid runner Steve Pixley lines up for registration in the 9th Annual JP Memorial Glow Run.



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State Funeral



Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang pays his respects to the late Northern Islands mayor Francisco Jerome Kaipat Aldan during the latter's state funeral at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe yesterday.



Family and friends offer flowers before the lowering of the casket.



Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (Ind-MP) offers a few words as he presents condolences to the eldest son of the late Northern Islands mayor Francisco Jerome Kaipat Aldan.



Bishop Ryan P. Jimenez blesses the casket of the late Northern Islands mayor Francisco Jerome Kaipat Aldan with holy water.



Acting governor Victor B. Hocog pays his respects to the late Northern Islands mayor Francisco Jerome Kaipat Aldan during the latter's state funeral at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe yesterday.



The casket containing the remains of the late Northern Islands mayor Francisco Jerome Kaipat Aldan enters the Mt. Carmel Cathedral for the Mass before his interment at the Tanapag Public Cemetery.



Luis Kapileo blows the conch shell signaling the start of the funeral service for the late Northern Islands mayor Jerome K. Aldan at the Tanapag Public Cemetery.



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The specter of famine: An impending crisis, made worse by war

eyond what are appalling conditions in certain parts of the world, frequently those wracked with warfare, it appears that there is now actual famine in Somalia, South Sudan, Yemen and northeast Nigeria.

Famine as a state is strictly defined, not just applied to a country or a region in an economic mess. There are three specific conditions that must apply: (a) one in five households in a particular region are experiencing extreme food shortages, (b) more than 30 percent of the population of the area in question is extremely malnourished, and, (c) at least two people for every 10,000 of the population die each day.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, in announcing the impending crisis last week, estimated 20 million coming victims, among them 1.4 million children. The causes of what is about to happen are twofold: money and conflict. The U.N. needs \$5.6 billion, most of it before the end of March. At this point it has only 2 percent of the needed amount in hand

Conflict in the afflicted countries is the root cause of the famine. People who are either involved in fighting or who are trying to live in areas that are being fought over are not raising food or having access to relief supplies of food that can keep them alive. The direct causal relationship between war and hunger has been on display across history, in southeast Asia, the Balkans and on the conflict horizon of the world.

The circumstances of each of these particular four conflict countries are different, as is the level of United States involvement in the wars in the countries concerned.

Somalia, in addition to two running years of drought, has been a scene of U.S. military involvement since late 1992. Its population of 10 million has been stirred like oatmeal by fighting, including bomb and drone attacks from the nearby American base in Djibouti, the former French Somaliland, for nearly a decade. Famine, which Somalia also experienced in 2011 when 200,000 died, is one result of the disruption of food cultivation brought about by war. The United States could simply stop participating in the intra-Somali warfare, setting an example and perhaps providing humanitarian relief as well.

Yemen is another case where the United States is directly involved. It supports Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates in their continuing systematic bombing of Yemen, the Middle East's poorest country. The conflict, an Islamic Sunni vs. Shiite fight, to a degree a proxy war between Saudi Arabia and Iran, has basically nothing to do with the United States apart from the fact that we sold the Sunni side their warplanes and support their bombing of Yemen—that which has disrupted food crop cultivation and helped cause the famine. Seven million Yemenis, of which 460,000 are children, could easily die. The United States could cut out support of the war and provide humanitarian relief to the

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Top tips for Trump taunters

o Trump supporters who are about to skip this story in disgust, you might want to read on for insight into the dark side.

To those traumatized and paralyzed but eager to help resist the Trump regime, read this to explore options for joining the civic fray.

Lawyers are asked for free legal counsel, doctors for diagnoses, brokers for tips. Washington hacks—pols, reporters, consultants and policy wonks—are asked for the real story behind the fake story. Most of the time, though, the questions we get are really just opinions in question form.

Not so this year.

Like many colleagues and acquaintances, I have been bombarded with a single earnest question: What can I do, however small, to help save the country from Donald Trump?

I have the liberty in my job to argue for my own opinions. I have opposed Trump futilely, but with all my might, for the past year, so I don't get many questions about helping President Trump succeed. Nor do many people in my orbit.

When Bill Clinton was first elected, tons of people in my world were disgusted and embarrassed for the country. But no one asked me how he or she could resist him. Same thing when George W. Bush was elected. I endured many outraged sermons about the injustice of the Florida recount, but no one asked how to join the Bush resistance.

This year is a whole different ball game, a different mentality. Many people are scared about what Trump will do, depressed, disgusted by the anti-values he flaunts and unable to tolerate their feelings of powerlessness. Perhaps if Hillary Clinton had won, the Hillary haters would feel the same way. Regardless, we got ourselves a genuine phenomenon here.

So I thought I would offer a short sample of activities that might be effective right now that I have gathered from my fellow creatures of the old D.C. swamp.

_Protests 2.0. Spies call this technique "psy-ops." Trump is barely able to tolerate in-his-face attacks and mockery. He rages at hecklers. Live demonstrators instantly inspire Trump to wax nostalgic about the olden days when police could knock the livers out of longhairs, black people and other malcontents.

So there should be organized protests every single time Trump leaves his many compounds. Every protester should have an American flag to signify they are not there primarily because they are Democrats, female, gay, Hispanic and so on, but because they are Americans protesting Trump's un-American positions and values.

■ Subvert the NRA. This one is devious. How cool would it be if massive numbers of African-Americans, Hispanics, Asians, city slickers, LBGT folks and members of the clergy became dues-paying members of the NRA? The NRA leadership would freak out at the idea of so many of their enemies becoming gun lovers. And maybe the subversives could gain control of an or-

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ganization so important to GOP politics.

- Mass pressure on GOP "moderates." Trump's key source of power right now is that the GOP has Stockholm Syndrome and quivers at his every bark. Until that changes, Trump's power is hard to constrain. Waiting for the 2018 elections is too risky. There is a small group of Republican senators with moderate dispositions and remnants of a spine. They need incentives to stand firm against Trump. Voters in a few states have the power to create that incentive by relentlessly engaging their senators with phone calls to their offices, appearing in number at all town meetings (a tactic that already is showing promise) and working all the local press, using social media and registering voters. Outof-state Trump resisters can help through donations and contributing skilled work such as graphic design, programming, data management, research and plain old grunt work.
- Indivisible. A group of Democratic congressional staffers and alumni has put out a crowd-sourced how-to manual on effectively engaging and influencing your own representatives. It is very clear, simple and practical. The key point: When it comes to voters, members only care about voters in their districts or states.
- Young people. Stop calling them millennials and Gen-Xers—and don't make up a new nickname for the next cohort. Young people did not turn out in 2016 and that was a disaster for the Democrats. There are signs, maybe, that there is substantial abstainers' regret on campuses.

I don't know what might spur more dopey kids—oops, I mean young people—to engage politically off-campus. From my limited observations, I've been discouraged that the issues college students seem most intensely involved with are insular and focused on their "safe spaces" but not on genocide in Syria, opioid addiction in rural America or Donald Trump. Political correctness, which I find irritating, is not the big problem as conservatives maintain. Self-centeredness is. Non-academic, politically savvy people need to do a better job of bringing the great national and international arguments to the academy.

This is a dinky sample. An hour on social media and the web will add dozens of others ideas.

That leads me to a final sermon: "Virtual action" is not action, it is self-soothing. Thumbs do not persuade; eye contact, listening, good manners and complete sentences do—sometimes.

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Historically speaking, Trump's foreign policy not all that radical

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lthough the administration of President Donald Trump is still new to its duties and has been somewhat erratic with its foreign policy plans, a historic comparison with past presidents shows that while Trump is indeed shaking things up with a few key ideas, he's largely following the usual route on international relations.

Leaving Russia's meddling in the recent election aside for a moment, it should be noted that Trump's long-running efforts to better relations with Russia are nothing new. Presidents Barack Obama and George W. Bush both attempted but failed to carry out resets with our Cold War enemy. Their efforts fell short because they refused to empathize with Russia's intrinsically poor security situation.

Russia has been invaded across the North European Plain many times, including the Nazis' catastrophic attack during World War II that cost millions of Russian civilian lives. And although the United States is half a world away, in the wake of the Cold War, it advanced a hostile NATO alliance to Russia's borders and today still performs military maneuvers in Eastern European ally nations.

Russia is still weak and its meddling in Eastern Ukraine, including its annexation of Crimea, has primarily been aimed at keeping a vital country out of NATO.

While Trump may come across as more sympathetic than usu-

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A fine-tuned machine that's coming apart

President Trump says his administration is "running like a finetuned machine." Really? Is that why so many nominees have fallen by the wayside while Team Trump has to explain what the President said every time he makes one of his head-scratching pronouncements? He just can't seem to get over the real fact that he won the election with 306 electoral votes (how many more times do we have to hear that coming from him) but lost the popular vote and still insists that's not so.

So we're going to be subjected to an avalanche of alternative facts for the next four years. It does not bode well for us as the free world looks to the United States for leadership, not leadership by fear and threats. If you listen to the President's shallow, off-the-cuff remarks, you might agree with me that there is something not quite right with him and it portends dangerous times ahead no matter how much he says he's a patriot and only wants to make America great again. In reality this "fine-tuned machine" is coming apart at the seams despite assurances it is running smoothly. Maybe Fred Flintstone would care to explain!

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victims if the Saudis, the Emiratis and America's own defense contractors could be appeased.

The United States is not participating directly to any great degree in either the conflicts in South Sudan or northeast Nigeria, the other two potential famine victim countries. Both are fully capable of feeding their own people if they could stop fighting among themselves. It would perhaps be easier in South Sudan, where the civil war is tribally based. In Nigeria, a very wealthy, oil-rich country, the government continues to have trouble exercising control in its northeast against Boko Haram, an Islamic extremist group.

Apart from stopping stimulation of the Somalia and Yemen conflicts, the United States should accept its responsibility as a rich world power to provide its share of the aid to prevent the 20 million people, many of them children, from starving to death as we ourselves fight obesity and the diseases that arrive from it—particularly since the stifled food production in Somalia and Yemen are partly a result of America's own military activities.

al to Russia's perspective and has called NATO "obsolete," his vice president, secretary of defense, and secretary of homeland security all recently traveled to Europe to reiterate support for the alliance. While there, they reminded some of our wealthy allies of their financial obligations to the pact, something past administrations have failed to do.

That said, tough guy Trump needs to stiffen his spine and tell Russia bluntly and publicly that there will be hell to pay if it ever tries to meddle in American elections again. If China and other would-be meddlers hear the message too, even better.

In regards to immigration, while Trump's travel ban seems to have been based on a wildly exaggerated threat of terrorism, his plans to deport illegal immigrants en masse follow in the footsteps of Obama, whose administration did more than its fair share of deporting.

Even Trump's proposed wall isn't totally new. America's southern border is already sporadically fenced in some locations along its extensive course.

Trump has talked about reversing Obama's thawing of relations with Cuba and scrapping the international nuclear deal with Iran. But Michael Flynn, an anti-Iran hawk, is out as national security adviser, and Secretary of Defense James Mattis, though he takes a dim view of Iran, has supported living with the deal. The agreement, which will therefore probably survive, will delay an Iranian nuclear weapon for at least 10 to 15 years, a positive outcome for the entire world and particularly Iran's primary adversaries—the Arab Gulf states and Israel.

The one area where significant change could occur is his ill-

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advised protectionist trade policies, a centerpiece of his campaign. He has scrapped Obama's Trans-Pacific Partnership, which

would have further opened up trade with Asian nations but was politically dead even before Trump took office. In addition, he's threatened to increase tariffs on Mexico, China and on U.S. companies that manufacture products overseas and send them back to U.S. shores.

Such initiatives could cause worldwide trade war, as did the 1930 Smoot-Hawley tariff during Herbert Hoover's administration. The vast reduction in world trade caused by that measure, and adverse foreign reactions to it, deepened the Great Depression and helped cause the conditions leading to World War II. Hopefully, Trump's rhetoric in this area will turn out to be mostly bluster.

In the end, Vice President Mike Pence, Secretary of Defense Mattis, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, and Secretary of Homeland Security John Kelly will probably end up taming Trump's foreign policy—for better or for worse.

Trump's Cabinet knows what it takes to succeed

he world is watching as President Donald Trump lurches forward, and for many, the early signs suggest a blend of hubris and incompetence—creating chaos in the nation's most elevated executive office.

For those inclined to panic, I would ask: To what halcyon days are you yearning to return? The resuscitation of our nation's economy may, in fact, require the knockabout approaches of our bumptious new leadership. Many in Trump's Cabinet have little or no government experience, but they bring a business skill set that will translate into income and jobs for many people.

The challenges they face have been years—and many administrations—in the making.

In a world of Keynesian thinking, in vogue for more than 60 years, moving an economy to higher output requires spending in excess of income, usually financed by lending to the private sector.

Borrowing costs are reduced to encourage more borrowing and more spending on investment products that yield positive returns. But if the private sector doesn't snap up the bait, governments can step in to be both the borrower and spender. And step

To motivate that higher output when the Great Recession hit in 2008, borrowing rates were pushed down to a minimal level in the U.S. and a negative rate in the euro zone. We (the lender) will pay you (the borrower) to borrow. So please do so, and please spend the funds on something to create output and jobs.

It's a tempting offer, but it didn't have the intended effect. Corporate borrowing did occur, but the spending on physical or intellectual property did not. Instead, corporations have been stockpiling cash.

Alas, the funds have been primarily used to support corporate stock prices via dividends or stock buybacks. Another use has been corporate buyouts to reduce competitive pressures on prices and profits.

Businesses' muted response to cheap money suggests there are impediments to putting that money to work. For Trump's CEO-oriented administration, regulatory barriers are the cause, and this view is buttressed by the accumulating data on the cost of regulation. For example, the Competitive Enterprise Institute

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puts the annual cost of regulatory barriers at \$14,678 per household, or 23 percent of the average household income.

Reduction in regulation has therefore become a top agenda item for the Trump administration, which has instituted a 2-for-1 rule. Each new regulation requires jettisoning two others for a net of -1. Currently, there are 178,277 pages of federal regulations with which American businesses, workers and consumers must comply. The Trump administration is aiming for a 75 percent reduction of that amount.

We can track the number of rules, but more important are the effects of those rules on business entry and growth. To that end, the Census Bureau keeps statistics on death rates and birthrates of enterprises in America. Not surprisingly, albeit alarmingly, the birthrate of enterprises has been falling for 40 years and has especially nosedived since 2008.

In absolute terms, the birth of business enterprises is not just declining but has sunk to a level below the death rate. The number of businesses in America has been on the absolute decline

For an actual startup, it takes thousands of hours of billable attorneys' fees to properly navigate all the relevant regulations. For most, this is unaffordable. In their case, starting a business requires an article of faith that what they're doing is somehow not illegal.

In my mind, I have a vision of Michael Dell producing computers in his dormitory room and delivering them from the trunk of his car. From there, he went on to become an industrial giant. You have to start somewhere, but it seems innovation like his is no longer an innocent opportunity, and without it we are left in a withering state as far as enterprise is concerned.

So yes, the Trump nominees will have missteps, but I will take their government on-the-job training any day as compared with those steeped in how to promulgate regulations.

Indeed, Trump's administration has a far clearer understanding of what it takes to succeed and what barriers need to be eliminated to achieve noble goals while not impeding business, jobs and growth.

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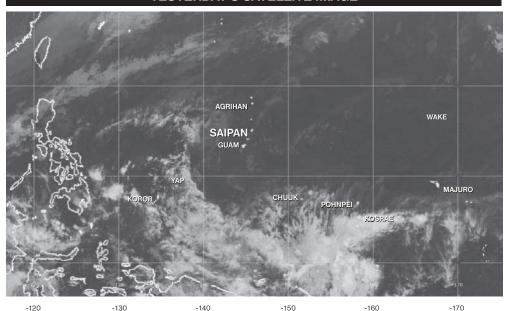
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Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

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London	Partly cloudy	46 36 °F
Los Angeles	Cloudy	59 46 °F
Manila	Sunshine and clouds mixed	89 75 °F
Melbourne	A mainly sunny sky	92 59 °F
Miami	Mostly sunny	81 72 °F
New York	Cloudy skies	58 53 °F
Osaka	A mainly sunny sky	52 33 °F
Paris	Rain showers	47 42 °F
Pusan	Sunny	55 31 °F
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Business

Samsung delays its new phone, and showcases tablets instead

Samsung now wants ev-

■ The new Galaxy Tab S3,

eryone to focus on its tablets'

running Google's Android

system, will have a glass back

and metal frame, borrow-

ing designs from Samsung's

smartphones. The screen tech-

nology, called AMOLED, of-

fers richer colors and purer

blacks than standard LCD

screens. The display will sup-

port high-dynamic range, a

feature that promises brighter

whites, darker blacks and a

wider range of colors—at least

for the handful of video titles

produced with that capability.

top replacement, Samsung

is releasing the Galaxy Book

with Microsoft's Windows 10

and more powerful processors

from Intel. Only the 12-inch

version will get AMOLED,

though; the 10-inch Galaxy

Book will use LCD. Both

models come with a key-

board attachment, something

sold as an optional acces-

sory for the S3. The Galaxy

Book is Samsung's answer to

Apple's iPad Pro and Micro-

All models come with Sam-

sung's S Pen and include stan-

dard features from the Note

phones, such as taking on-

screen notes when the phone

is locked. But unlike the Note,

these tablets lack spring-loaded

Prices and release dates

Samsung also said that

cavities for storing the stylus.

haven't been announced.

soft's Surface devices.

■ For those wanting a lap-

most notable features:

NEW YORK (AP)—Samsung's product showcase Sunday is notable for what's missing: a new flagship phone.

Instead, Samsung is spotlighting new Android and Windows tablets after delaying the Galaxy S8 smartphone an indirect casualty of the unprecedented September recall of the fire-prone Note 7 phone . The new tablets will carry the Galaxy brand and come with many of the Note 7's features, including the S Pen stylus and screens with rich colors.

Consumers will have to wait at least a few weeks longer for details on Samsung's next major smartphone. That's partly so that Samsung wouldn't have to share the stage with its smartphone rivals at the Mobile World Congress trade show, which begins Monday in Barcelona, Spain. The delay also gives Samsung more time to make sure it has done everything right, given that any minor bug will surely draw outsized attention.

"The microscope is going to be firmly on Samsung," said Geoff Blaber, an analyst with the research firm CCS Insight.

ABOUT THE TABLETS

Samsung said the new tablets will go through extensive safety checks put in place after dozens of Note 7 phone overheated and in some cases exploded. Those incidents prompted aviation authorities to ban them on flights; Samsung eventually killed the product.

nors about the potential con-

sequences of repealing the

Obama-era health care law

warns that federal spending

cuts probably would create

funding gaps for states and

threaten many people with the

has two main components

for expanding coverage:

subsidized private health in-

surance available in all 50

states, and an optional Med-

icaid expansion that has been

accepted by 31 states and the

District of Columbia. Those

two components of the health

law cover more than 20 mil-

A report by the consult-

ing firms Avalere Health

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concluded that the changes

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GOP-led House would re-

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dollars for Medicaid and WASHINGTON (AP)—A sobering report to gover-

subsidized private insurance. The effect on Medicaid would be far-reaching. The federal-state program for lowincome people covers more than 70 million Americans, many of whom have high

The Associated Press ob-The Affordable Care Act tained a copy of a slide pre-

> nation of phasing out Medicaid expansion money from the U.S. government, plus transforming the overall program from an open-ended federal entitlement to one that operates under a cap would likely result in state funding gaps. States that expanded Medicaid would face the deepest cuts.

States would get more flexibility to design their programs, but the money crunch could lead to cuts in eligibility, benty headset will now come with a hand-held controller, matching Google's Daydream View offering.

PHONE COMPETITION

The absence of a new Samsung phone gives rivals a chance to shine.

LG, for instance, is pushing a G6 phone that is slightly smaller than the Note 7 but matches the doomed phone's 5.7-inch screen size. LG is also matching major rivals in offering water and dust resistance, though in doing so, it got rid of an ability to replace the battery with a spare—a feature LG had long cited to set itself apart from rivals.

LG also redesigned the insides to separate the two main sources of heat-the main processor and the display driver-while doubling the separation between the battery's positive and negative chambers. The fact that these under-the-hood improvements are getting any mention at all shows the climate all phone makers are navigating after the Note 7 fires.

Meanwhile, Motorola has a new version of its mid-range Moto G phone, while Chinese smartphone maker TCL is unveiling a BlackBerry Android phone with a physical keyboard after BlackBerry gave up on making hardware itself. And the classic Nokia 3310 phone from the year 2000 is coming back; although it's not a smartphone, the device is popular for its durability.

its Gear VR virtual-reali-Report warns of state money fallout from health law repeal

health care needs.

sentation made by the consultants to governors meeting this weekend in Washington. The report said the combi-

Although states would get

efits, or payments to hospitals and other service providers. The impact of federal spending reductions would compound over time.

Reduced Medicaid spending could also hurt states with dampened economic activity and fewer jobs, the consultants said. Hospitals, which benefit from Medicaid coverage, are big employers in local communities. Costs of care for uninsured patients could become an issue.

In addition, the private insurance subsidies provided under Obama's law would also be scaled back, according to the report.

some additional safety-net funding, reductions in federal insurance subsidies would expose some consumers to new costs for their coverage. That would probably result in fewer people covered, as some consumers drop their plans.

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Accountant

Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance and Accounting with at least 3 years work experience in financial management for a logistics/supply chain business or agency operations. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system, freight forwarding, shipping and logistics systems. Must have expertise with MS Excel, Word and Power Point. Must be able to work under time

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Associate's Degree with at least 3 years experience in freight forwarding operations and 1-year experience in transportation security and communication related activities. Knowledge of TSA security regulations and proficiency in TSA Known Shipper Management System are a must. Knowledge of Federal Regulations in Transportation is required. Must have obtained certifications/training in Hazmat, Occupational Safety and Hazardous Waste Operation and IATA related trainings. Proficiency in airfreight documentation, freight forwarding software, FEDEX systems and operations are a must. Must be familiar with airline operations and regulations.

Associate's Degree with a minimum of 2 years experience in a logistics, freight brokerage or warehouse services business. Must know how to operate a forklift with certification. Must be able to do strenuous work with some lifting and carrying of small items on the job. Licensed to drive 4x6 wheel closed vans and must have obtained training or certification in handling hazardous materials, Occupational Safety, Hazardous Waste Operation and IAC CCSF authorized screener. Must be proficient in MS Office and Oracle-based programs and available to work on evenings and weekend hours.

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Heavy Equipment Truck Driver (3)

High School graduate with at least 2 years experience operating trucks or vans with a capacity of at least 10,001 pounds gross vehicle weight (GVW) or 10 to 16-wheeled vehicles. Must have a valid commercial driver's license (CDL). Experience in carrying hazardous materials or oversized loads plus certificates or training in handling hazardous materials and cargoes is a must. Must be able to follow strict safety and operations procedures.

Shipping and Receiving Clerk (4)

Associate's Degree and at least 2 years work related experience, Must be proficient in MS Office programs as well as other planning and logistics software. Knowledge of supply chain, shipping operations and procedures, document preparation and recordkeeping is required. Should possess good interpersonal and verbal communication skills.

Accounting Clerk

High School graduate, GED, Associates degree or equivalent with at least 2-3 years bookkeeping or clerical accounting work experience in freight forwarding operation, sales or service related work. Associate Degree in Accounting, Auditing, Business Management or Finance an advantage. Must be proficient with Microsoft Office applications such as Word Processor and Spreadsheet; and proficient with Accounting software such as SAP-R3 FICO (Financial and Controlling) system, ERP system, and HR2 system),

Vocational or High School Graduate. Must be able to diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul trucks, or maintain and repair any type of engines. Minimum of two (2) year work experience is required on these areas: lubrication, repairs and servicing, use of machine tools welding and flame cutting, engine elements, gears, brakes, transmission, exhausts, etc. Proficiency in critical devices for fuel tank trucks is a must.

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Dependable attendance, hard working and follows directions well. Must be available to work early mornings, late nights and weekends.

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Nation

Trump toasts nation's governors ahead of health care talks

WASHINGTON President Donald Trump toasted the nation's governors Sunday night, welcoming state leaders to a black-tie ball at the White House ahead of discussions about his plans to repeal and replace the socalled Obamacare law.

Trump welcomed 46 governors and their spouses to the annual Governors' Ball at the White House, the first major social event of his administration. The president congratulated first lady Melania Trump on the elegant candle-lit event in the State Dining Room, telling the audience, "The room, they say, has never looked better, but who knows."

During his toast, the president noted his Monday meeting with the governors at the White House, saying, "Perhaps health care will come up," a nod to the effort in Congress to repeal and replace the sweeping health care law installed under President Barack Obama.

Trump saluted the nation's governors, joking that "it's such an easy job you have." Despite some of the turmoil at the start of his administration and legal challenges to his executive order temporarily banning travelers from seven predominantly Muslim countries, Trump told the governors he had already made strides.

"I can say that after four weeks-it's been a lot of fun-but we've accomplished almost everything



President Donald Trump makes a toast during a dinner reception for the annual National Governors Association winter meeting Sunday, Feb. 26, 2017, at the State Dining Room of the White House, in Washington.

we've started out to accomplish. The borders are stricter. tighter," Trump said, praising the work of Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly. He added: "We're very happy with the way things are working but, again, we've made a lot of promises over the last two years and many of those

promises already are kept so we're very honored by that."

Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe, a Democrat and longtime ally of Trump's campaign rival, Hillary Clinton, led the governors in a toast of Trump. McAuliffe, the chairman of the National Governors Association, said they all shared the

common goals of jobs, education, quality health care and infrastructure across the nation.

"We want to work with you to build on those ideals," McAuliffe said.

The governors, their guests

tern near a portrait of Abraham S. Carolina law makes it tough to lower Confederate flags

and members of Trump's Cab-

inet sat at long tables topped

with white floral centerpieces

and candles in the State Din-

ing Room, where Trump ad-

dressed the guests from a lec-

WALHALLA, S.C. (AP)— In the aftermath of the racially motivated Charleston church slayings in 2015, the Confederate flag was removed from the South Carolina Statehouse during an elaborate nationally televised ceremony.

But in less prominent places, the fight over the flag rages on, with the rebel banner garnering at least two recent victories. That's because a South Carolina law crafted more than 15 years ago requires the Legislature to approve by at least a two-thirds vote any change to a historical monument such as lowering a flag or adding a name. And one of the state's most powerful lawmakers has vowed the law will not change.

Twice in the last month, Confederate flag supporters cited the law as they forced the banner to return to a Confederate monument and a newly renovated courtroom in the suburbs of Charlotte, North Carolina.

In the Blue Ridge Mountain gateway town of Walhalla, Luther Lyle, a descendent of Confederate soldiers and former caretaker of a Civil War monument there, had lowered the flag following the massacre at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston.

Lyle said he did so out of respect for the victims.

"I felt really bad about the killings in Charleston—everybody does. It was a horrible thing to happen," Lyle said.

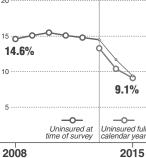
Dylann Roof, the white supremacist who killed nine black church members, had a Confederate flag on his car's front license plate and posted proud pictures of himself with the flag in his online manifesto.

Lyle did not make the decision to lower the flag lightly.

His great-grandfather and great-great grandfather fought for the South in the Civil War, and he was the one who originally put the Confederate flag on the Walhalla monument in 2000.

At the time, legislators passed the South Carolina Heritage Act, which removed the Confederate flag from the top of the Statehouse dome and put it at a soldier's monument in front of the building.





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Lincoln. The president wore a black tuxedo while the first lady was dressed in a long black evening gown.

At the tables. Vice President Mike Pence was seated next to his successor, Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb, while chief of staff Reince Priebus sat next to Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, his friend from his home state. The president's daughter Ivanka Trump was seated between Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin and Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker.

Flag supporters called

it a compromise. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People said it was still a prominent display of the state's racist past, and it led a boycott of South Carolina. The Heritage Act also creat-

ed the required the two-thirds vote for any change to a monument. One of the few times lawmakers changed a monument was when they added the name of the late U.S. Sen. Strom Thurmond's biracial daughter to his statue in 2004.

The law is so far-reaching that a group in Greenwood has sued, saying they have been unable to change plaques on a World War I monument that separates soldiers killed into "colored" and "white" categories. The group believes the monument is a relic of the South's scarred past and should be changed in the spirit of equality with the old plaques put in a museum. Others say it should serve as a reminder of the once-segregated U.S. military. Arguments in the lawsuit are expected next month.

Sessions' tough on crime talk could lead to fuller prisons

WASHINGTON (AP)—The federal prison population is on the decline, but a new attorney general who talks tough on drugs and crime and already has indicated a looming need for private prison cells seems poised to usher in a reversal of that trend

Jeff Sessions, a former federal prosecutor sworn in this month as the country's chief law enforcement officer, signaled at his confirmation hearing—and during private meetings in his first days on the job—that he sees a central role for the federal government in combating drug addiction and violence as well as in strict enforcement of immigration laws.

The result could be in an increase not only in the number of drug prosecutions brought by the Justice Department but also in the average length of sentence prosecutors pursue for even lower-level criminals. If that happens, the resources of a prison system

that for years has struggled with overcrowding, but experienced a population drop as Justice Department leaders pushed a different approach to drug prosecutions, could be taxed again.

"Given the rhetoric coming out of the White House and the selection of Sessions as attorney general, an increase in the federal prison population and a chilling effect on state reforms is a very real possibility," said Inimai Chettiar, justice program director at the Brennan Center for Justice.

The approach by Session, a former Alabama senator, to drug crimes will matter in courtrooms across the country and also to the Justice Department's bottom line.

Nearly half of federal prisoners are in custody for drug offenses, and the Bureau of Prisons budget accounts for about one-third of the department's overall \$29 billion spending plan. The population ballooned during the 1980sera war on drugs as Congress abolished parole and as federal prosecutors relied on mandatory minimum sentencesrigid punishments strictly tied to drug quantity—to seek decades-long prison terms for drug criminals.

But in recent years, fiscalminded Republicans, and Democrats pushing criminal justice efforts, have raised concerns about bloated prison costs and tried to develop ways to cut the population.

The Justice Department's inspector general has said mounting prison expenses detract from other programs and initiatives, and a 2012 Government Accountability Office report said overcrowding at bureau facilities had caused additional double- and triplebunking, higher inmate-toguard ratios and long waiting lists for educational programs.

The federal prison population now stands at just under 190,000, down from nearly 220,000 in 2013.

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Asia

Malaysia: Poisoning of Kim caused paralysis, quick death

the killing, while the women—

one from Indonesia and the oth-

er Vietnamese—were arrested.

used to kill Kim was almost

certainly produced in a sophis-

ticated state weapons labora-

tory and is banned under an

international treaty. But North

Korea never signed the treaty,

and has spent decades develop-

ing a complex chemical weap-

Kim was not an obvious po-

litical threat to his estranged

half brother, Kim Jong Un.

But he may have been seen

as a potential rival in North

Korea's dynastic dictatorship,

even though he had lived in

North Korea has denied any

Earlier Sunday, Subrama-

niam said the state chemistry

department's finding of the VX

toxin confirmed the hospital's

autopsy result that suggested

a "chemical agent caused very

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death "in a very short period of

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Experts say the nerve agent

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—Malaysia's health minister said Sunday that the dose of nerve agent given to North Korean ruler Kim Jong Un's exiled half brother was so high that it killed him within 20 minutes and caused "very serious paralysis."

Kim Jong Nam died Feb. 13 at Kuala Lumpur's airport in what Malaysian police say was a well-planned hit by two women who wiped a liquid on Kim's face. Police revealed Friday that the banned chemical weapon VX nerve agent was used to kill Kim, raising the stakes in the case.

Health Minister Subramaniam Sathasivam said the dose of VX given to Kim was so high that he showed symptoms within minutes. Kim fainted at the airport clinic and died in the ambulance while en route to a hospital, he said.

"VX only requires 10 milligrams to be absorbed into the system to be lethal, so I presume that the amount of dose that went in is more than that," he said at a news conference. "The doses were so high and it did it so fast and all over the body, so it would have affected his heart, it would have affected his lungs, it would have affected everything."

Asked how long it took for Kim to die after he was attacked, Subramaniam said, "I would think it was about, from the time of onset, from the time of application, 15-20 minutes."

Malaysia hasn't directly accused the North Korean government of being behind the attack, but officials have said four North Korean men provided two women with poison to carry it out. The four men fled Malaysia on the same day as

doses, he said. He said the final autopsy report would be submitted to police soon

Subramaniam also said that there have been no reports of anyone else being sickened by the toxin, but that medical workers who attended to Kim would remain under observation for possible delayed effects.

Tens of thousands of passengers have passed through the airport since the apparent assassination was carried out. No areas were cordoned off and protective measures were not taken.

Early Sunday, more than a dozen officers in protective gear swept the budget terminal where Kim was attacked and said they found no traces of VX.

Abdul Samah Mat, the police official leading the investigation, said the terminal was "free from any form of contamination of hazardous material" and declared it a "safe zone" after a two-hour sweep.

He also said a condominium on the outskirts of Kuala Lumpur that was raided by police last week had been rented by the four North Korean suspects who left the country. He said police were still testing a seized substance for traces of any chemicals.

Abdul Samah said the Indonesian woman who was arrested, Siti Aisyah, vomited in a taxi on the way from the airport after the attack but is fine now. He said that more tests were needed to determine if the two arrested suspects were given antidotes so the nerve agent wouldn't kill them.

An antidote, atropine, can be injected after exposure and

Nerve agent reportedly killed Kim Jong Nam

Malaysian police say the poison used to kill the half brother of North Korea's leader at an air terminal in Malaysia last week, after two women accosted him, was the banned chemical weapon VX nerve agent.

VX nerve agent:

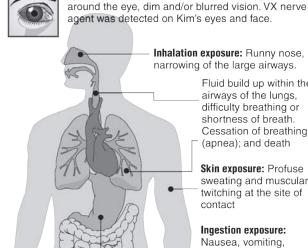
- It is a clear, amber-colored, oily liquid that is tasteless and odorless and can take days or even weeks to evaporate
- Banned by the An antidote 1993 Chemical Weapons Convention

Eye contact: Redness of the membranes, pain in and

can be administered by injection.

Possible effects of inhaling, ingesting or contacting

Initial effects depend on the dose and route of exposure. Larger exposures may cause death within seconds to 10 minutes.



Fluid build up within the airways of the lungs, difficulty breathing or shortness of breath. Cessation of breathing (apnea); and death

Skin exposure: Profuse sweating and muscular twitching at the site of contact

Ingestion exposure: Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain and cramping.

According to Malaysian investigators, the two female suspects coated their hands with the liquid toxin and wiped it on Kim's face

is carried by medics in war zones where weapons of mass destruction are suspected.

On Saturday, representatives from the Indonesian and Vietnamese embassies met with the two arrested

women, who both said they thought they were part of a prank show. Aisyah said she was paid the equivalent of \$90, according to Andriano Erwin, Indonesia's deputy ambassador to Malaysia.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Detained Philippine senator asks court to nullify arrest MANILA, **Philippines**

(AP)—A Philippine senator and leading critic of President Rodrigo Duterte's deadly crackdown on illegal drugs petitioned the Supreme Court Monday to nullify a Manila court's arrest warrant against her for drug charges and release her from jail. Sen. Leila de Lima's petition said Judge Juanita Guerrero has no jurisdiction over the case. She said Guerrero committed grave abuse by issuing the arrest warrant without first resolving her motion to quash the charges, where she questioned the jurisdiction of the lower court. The issuance of a warrant of arrest by a court that has no jurisdiction over the case makes such a warrant obviously and patently null and without basis, thus making Senator De Lima's detention on the basis thereof illegal," said her lawyer, Alex Padilla. De Lima said she was innocent of the charges of receiving bribes from detained drug lords while she headed the Department of Justice, adding that the accusations were part of an attempt by Duterte to muzzle

9 drown as boat capsizes in India

users dead.

A government official says at least nine Indian tourists drowned as a fishing boat sank during a joyride in the Bay of Bengal in southern India. Government administrator M. Ravi Kumar says the accident

critics of his clampdown that

has left more than 7,000 sus-

pected dealers and small-time

occurred on Sunday in high tide and the victims were without any safety equipment such as life jackets. Kumar said 11 people have been rescued and hospitalized in Tuticorin, a town in Tamil Nadu state. The accident occurred nearly 65 kilometres (40 miles) south off Tuticorin. Kumar said the fishing boat was hired for a ride in the Coromandel coast. Such accidents are common in India with many overcrowded boats without safety equipment. (AP)

Taliban leader encourages people to plant trees

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Springtime in Afghanistan usually brings a spike in violence as the Taliban takes advantage of the thaw to launch a wave of fresh attacks. But the Taliban's leader has just issued a statement calling on Afghans to plant more trees. In a public letter issued Sunday in four languages, including English, Mullah Haibatullah Akhundzada says that, "the Mujahideen and beloved countrymen must join hands in tree planting." The statement does point out that the Taliban remain, "actively engaged in a struggle against foreign invaders and their hirelings"—a reference to the Kabul government that the militant group seeks to overthrow. Shah Hussain Murtazawi, deputy spokesman for the Afghan President Ashraf Ghani, dismissed the statement as an attempt to "deceive public opinion" and distract from the Taliban's

"crimes and destruction."

HANOI, Vietnam (AP)—

nese husband in 1954, she thought he was going off for a year or two on another long assignment. She never imagined it would be more than half a century before she'd see him again.

Today, the former foes enjoy strong bilateral ties, with Japan and Vietnam cooperating economically as well as in other areas, including defense

In a sign of just how far the relationship has come, several surviving widows and families of former Japanese soldiers-including Xuan-will have an opportunity to meet with Japanese Emperor Akihito when he visits Vietnam

rendered to the allies in 1945, ending World War II. Xuan's husband, however, among some 700 Japanese soldiers who remained in Vietnam after revolutionary leader Ho Chi Minh declared independence from French colonial rule in 1945.

The Japanese soldiers helped train Ho Chi Minh's Viet Minh to fight the French. When the Viet Minh defeated the colonial forces in 1954. Xuan's husband was one of 71 former Japanese soldiers who had to leave the country without being able to bring their families. He left behind his two children and his pregnant 29-year-old wife.

"I thought he was on an assignment for one or two years, but we then had no information about him," Xuan, 92, said recently.

She said that after not hearing from her husband for six years, she and her family thought he had died, and set up an altar to worship him.

Xuan had to raise her three children on her own by working on a rice farm in a

village outside Hanoi. Villagers would call her Xuan Nhat, or Japanese Xuan, mocking her marriage to a Japanese man. Her children also were mocked.

"People called me Japanese son, son of a fascist. There used to be a lot of discrimination. But it is better now," said Nguyen Xuan Phi, Xuan's eldest son.

But anti-Japanese sentiment started to dissipate after communist Vietnam launched reforms in the mid-1980s and opened up to the outside world in the early 1990s.

In 2005, Xuan learned that her husband was alive and living in Japan through a Vietnamese woman living in the country with her Japanese husband, also a former soldier. The following year, Xuan's husband, who had married a Japanese woman. arranged to visit her.

Xuan said she was very happy to see him again after all those years.

"You look great," Xuan quoted her husband as telling her in still fluent Vietnamese

when they reunited.

"Yes, I'm fine. I still have been waiting for you," she said she told her husband, who was in a wheelchair after suffering a stroke and visited Xuan with his Japanese wife. Xuan has not remarried. and her husband died several years after his 2006 visit.

While Xuan's family was unable to stay together, when the last group of Japanese soldiers was asked by communist North Vietnam to leave in 1960, they were allowed to bring their families.

But Hoang Thi Thanh Hoai's father, the son of a Japanese soldier, decided to stav behind to take care of his Vietnamese grandmother. He did not reunite with his brothers and sisters in Japan until 1995, when he and Hoai spent six weeks in Japan visiting their relatives.

Hoai, who is now 43 and works at a Japanese eye clinic in Hanoi, decided to study Japanese after seeing how her father was unable to communicate with his siblings after reuniting with them.

Japan emperor's Vietnam visit a sign of improved ties

When Nguyen Thi Xuan said goodbye to her Japa-

Like many Vietnamese women married to Japanese soldiers, Xuan's family was split up, victimized by the stormy relationship between the countries.

and security.

for the first time this week.

Japanese troops invaded Vietnam in 1940 and remained there until Japan sur16 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017 SAIPAN TRIBUNE

World

Egypt's Christians flee terror in north Sinai security void

ISMAILIA, Egypt (AP)—After Islamic militants barged into his uncle's house, shot him and his son dead, then looted the place and set it on fire, Said Sameh Adel Fawzy knew it was time to leave.

The 35-year-old Christian, who owns a plumbing supply business in Egypt's troubled northern Sinai town of el-Arish, packed up a few belongings and brought his family to the Suez Canal city of Ismailia, joining hundreds of Christians fleeing a spate of sectarian killings last week.

"My cousin went to open the door after he heard knocking," Fawzy said, speaking from a youth hostel where authorities were putting up dozens of families who fled the town. "Masked extremists, terrorists with a pistol, took him inside and shot him in the head," then dragged his screaming mother out to the street half-dressed and killed her husband. The woman, still in shock after the Tuesday night slayings, sat nearby.

"They're thirsty for the blood of any Christian," said Wafaa Fawzy, the sister-in-law of Saad Hana, the man who was killed along with his son. "They were pretty clear when they said they won't leave any Christian in peace. They want an Islamic state."

The killings, two of seven brutal slayings in recent weeks, come after a devastating IS suicide bombing at a Cairo church in December that killed nearly 30 people. The violence poses a fresh challenge to President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi's government to put down an IS-led insurgency in northern Sinai and prevent spillover that at times has reached the mainland.

The group's local affiliate recently vowed to step up a wave of attacks on the em-



A truck loaded with goods arrives for Christian families who fled el-Arish at the Evangelical Church in Ismailia, 120 kilometers (75 miles) east of Cairo, Egypt, Sunday, Feb. 26, 2017.

battled Christian minority, pointing to a shift in tactics toward targeting Christians and their holy sites, which are less protected than the military and police installations that are their usual targets.

Northern Sinai has for years been the epicenter of an insurgency by Islamic militants, and the area's few Christians have slowly been trickling out. But departures surged after suspected militants again gunned down a Christian man in front of his family two days after Fawzy's uncle and cousin were killed, stoking panic among Christians.

No militant group claimed has responsibility for the attacks. But the IS affiliate, which is based in northern Sinai, released a video vowing to step up attacks against Christians, who it describes as "infidels" empowering the West against Muslims.

Coptic Christians, who make up about 10 percent of Egypt's population, have always been a favorite target of Islamic extremists. But attacks on churches have increased

since the 2013 military overthrow of an Islamist president. Christians overwhelmingly supported the army chiefturned-president, el-Sissi, who led the ouster, and extremists have used their support as a pretext to increase attacks against them.

The Christian exodus continued for a fourth day Sunday, bringing to more than 100 the number of families who have fled el-Arish, said Nabil Shukrallah, an official with the city's Evangelical Church.

Families arrive frightened

Syrian warplanes pound rebel-held area in central city

BEIRUT (AP)—Government warplanes pounded a rebel-held neighborhood in the central city of Homs on Sunday, killing at least three and wounding dozens, Syrian opposition activists said, and President Bashar Assad's forces pushed ahead in Syria's offensive on the historic town of Palmyra held by the Islamic State group.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and pro-government media said troops were about 9 kilometers (6 miles) west of Palmyra, which his home to some of the world's most treasured archaeological sites.

IS overran the city, prized for its ancient Roman archaeological ruins, for a second time in December. In March last year, government forces had captured the town ending a 10-month rule by the extremists.

The Observatory said government forces and their allies now control hills that oversee three gas fields west of the town amid intense airstrikes. Syrian troops and their allies launched a wide offensive toward Palmyra in

mid-January under the cover of Russian airstrikes.

The government-controlled Syrian Central Military Media confirmed that troops are now a few kilometers (miles) away from the town, which is home to the UNESCO heritage site for which Palmyra is famous and which has already suffered massive destruction at the hands of IS.

The Islamic State group has been under pressure in Iraq and Syria over the past months and the march toward Palmyra comes days after the extremists lost the northern town of al-Bab to Turkish troops and Turkey backed opposition fighters. Iraq forces are also on the offensive to capture the western part of the northern Iraqi city of Mosul.

SCMM said Syrian troops captured the town of Tadef from IS on the southern edge of al-Bab, adding that experts were dismantling explosives and booby-traps left behind by the extremists.

Palmyra is in the central province of Homs where violence was reported Sunday in the provincial capital that carries the same name.

Casualties mount as Iraqi troops advance in IS-held Mosul

MOSUL, Iraq (AP)—"We have wounded!" the men shouted from the roadside. Two soldiers, bleeding, were being bandaged beside their smoking vehicle on the side of a dusty dirt road.

Iraqi special forces Maj. Saif Ali yelled to his driver to stop and leaped out. "Put one inside and the other on top!" he called to his men. One was put in Ali's seat, the other laid on the vehicle's hood. "Go!" he shouted, crouching on the hood next to the wounded man. His driver blared the horn and the gunner shot into the air trying to clear a way through a sea of fleeing civilians and livestock.

As Iraqi forces push deeper into western Mosul, the assault is bringing a surge of casualties—at least 30 Iraqi security forces and more than 200 civilians killed or wounded in the last three days. Iraq's military does not release official casualty reports, but medics at front-line clinics provided figures on condition of anonymity.

The sudden spike in casualty numbers mirrors what played out in Mosul's east as the fight moved from rural villages to dense urban areas. Front-line medic stations that stood empty for the first days of the assault on Mosul's west announced last week, are now

overflowing. At one clinic Sunday, the dead had to be moved to the ground to free up beds as more injured arrived.

The soldiers that Maj. Ali picked up had been wounded when a mortar—fired from districts held by the Islamic State group—hit them along a route used by the thousands of civilians fleeing Mosul on foot in the days after Iraqi forces first punched into Mamun neighborhood on Friday.

Ali had been on his way back to base after a quick visit to the edge of Mamun neighborhood. Now he was gripping the grate of his Humvee, using his own weight to keep the wounded man from sliding off the hood.

In the front passenger seat, the other soldier -- with a head wound -- sat with his eyes wide open and glassy. Everyone inside the vehicle rode in almost complete silence as Ali and his gunner shouted directions to the driver and yelled for civilians to move out of the way.

Blood slowly soaked through the black shirt of the man sitting in Ali's seat. The nearest clinic was five kilometers (3 miles) away -- down bumpy dirt roads, crowded with people. After a few moments the soldier went completely limp, his body swaying slackly with each bump the Humvee hit. He was dead.

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Overdrive

AUTO REVIEW:

2017 Lexus GS F is old-school cool but lags the performance competition

By MICHAEL WHITELEY CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The performance sedan segment has been engaged in a battle for horsepower dominance in recent years. While a performance sedan making 400 horsepower would suffice a decade ago, we now have the option to buy a familysized sedan that can produce as much power as some of the fastest supercars. Take the 2017 Cadillac CTS-V; its 6.2-liter supercharged V-8 outputs 640 horsepower, which means it outguns Audi's flagship R8 and its 610 horses.

Why then did Lexus release its supersedan, the GS F, with a power figure of 467 horsepower?

Whereas all of the GS F's rivals have gone down the turbocharged or supercharged route, Lexus decided to stay natural with its engine's breathing. This means a lower overall power output, but it does come with some benefits. The noise that emanates from the Japanese 5.0-liter V-8 is a mixture of distant thunder and bear growl, and the response to the right foot is instant. These are two factors often undermined when using turbos or superchargers. So for that, Lexus, we thank you.

The rest of the drivetrain is an annoyance known as the transmission. The eight-speed automatic feels lazy in comparison to the competition. Cars such as the CTS-V always seem keen to rip your face off, eagerly awaiting a harder push on the gas pedal. The GS F takes a more relaxed approach, casually shifting down a couple of gears before it unleashes the full potential of the engine.

As far as interior quality goes, the GS F is a more refined and technology-oriented than its rivals. Buttons and knobs control numerous aspects, such as the advanced rear differential, the traction control system, and the chassis dynamics. I worked my way through the different drive modes using the drive select knob, which showed

how the steering and suspension is stiffened when you change from "Eco" through to "Sport+,", offering a tighter and sporty edge. Initial impressions are promising, and on a track, the GS F should bring a fight to its German and American rivals.

The main annoyance in the GS F is the infotainment system. Whereas the GS F's rivals all have similarly intuitive and easy to use systems, Lexus — for no apparent reason — decided to use a bizarre joystick to interact with their screen. It sits in an ergonomically awkward position and requires the manual dexterity of a brain surgeon to use. Move the stick anything more a fragment of an inch and you have overshot your target. Knock the stick inadvertently and your destination gets reset to where you already are.

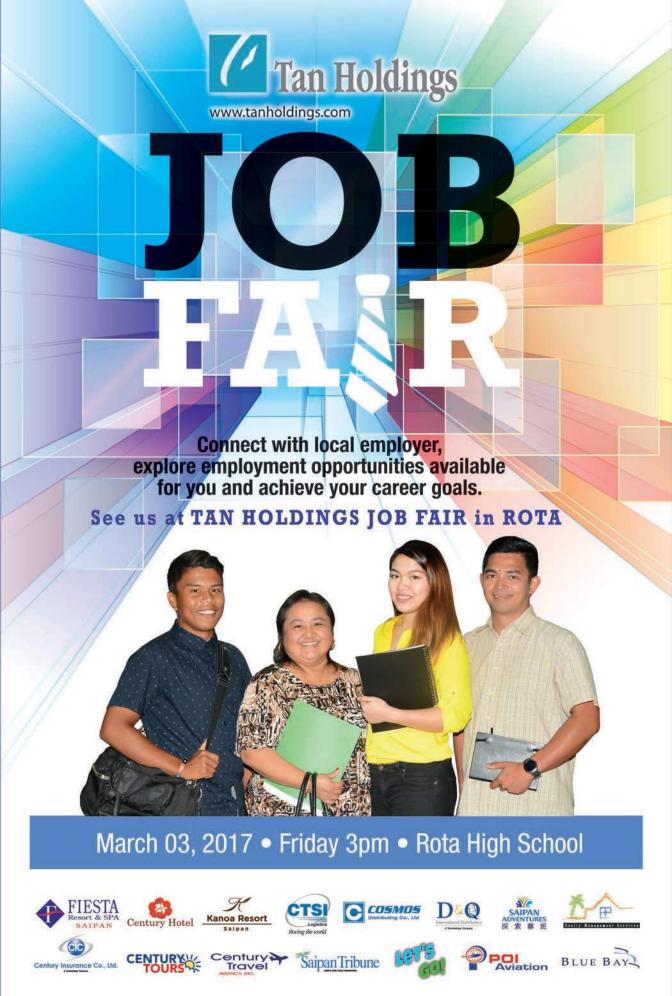
Overall, the outgunned GS F impresses compared with the rest of the performance sedan market. The naturally breathing engine provides a sound that will make the hairs on your neck stand up, and the chassis gives you confidence to push the car to its limits. For less hair-raising day-today driving, it is comfortable and well-equipped. The engineers at Lexus have done a great job of offering an alternative to the number-chasing rivals. But it needs tweaks to the transmission and infotainment system to make it something very special.

NUTS & BOLTS

2017 Lexus GS F at a glance

- Vehicle type: Performance sedan
- Engine: 5.0-liter V-8
- Transmission: Eight speed automatic
- Mpg: 16 city 24 high-way
- Base price: \$83,940
- Price as tested: \$87,316
- Parting shot: Engine and chassis impress, but the transmission and infotainment system disappoint





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Lifestyle

Take two: 'Moonlight' wins best picture at Academy Awards

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Oscar winner, take two.

Barry Jenkins' "Moonlight"—not, as it turned out, "La La Land"—won best picture at the Academy Awards in a historic Oscar upset and an unprecedented fiasco that saw one winner swapped for another while the "La La Land" producers were in mid-speech.

Presenters Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway apparently took the wrong envelope—the one for best actress winner Emma Stone—onto the stage. When they realized the mistake, representatives for ballot tabulators Price Waterhouse Coopers raced onstage to stop the acceptance speech.

But backstage, Stone said she was holding with her envelope at the time. "I think everyone's in a state of confusion still," said Stone. Later the actress, who pledged her deep love of "Moonlight," added, "Is that the craziest Oscar moment of all time? Cool!"

It was, nevertheless, a shocking upset considering that "La La Land" came in with 14 nominations, a record that tied it with "Titanic" and "All About Eve." Barry Jenkins' tender, bathed-in-blue coming-of-age drama, made for just \$1.5 million, is an unusually small Oscar winner. Having made just over \$22 million as of Sunday at the box office, it's one of the lowest grossing best-picture winners ever.

"Even in my dreams this cannot be true," said an astonished Jenkins, once he reached the stage.

Host Jimmy Kimmel had come forward to inform the cast that "Moonlight" had indeed won, showing the inside of the envelope as proof. "I knew I would screw this up," said Kimmel, a first-time host. "I promise to never come back."

Producer Jordan Horwitz then graciously passed his statue to the "Moonlight" producers.

Up until the chaotic end, the telecast had seesawed between jabs at Donald Trump and passionate arguments for inclusivity, with awards going to "La La Land," "Moonlight" and "Manchester by the Sea."

Damien Chazelle's celebrated musical "La La Land," up for a record-tying 14 nominations, took a while to start cleaning up. But as the night went on, its haul began piling up, winning for cinematography, production, score, song "City of Stars" and best actress for Emma Stone. Chazelle, the 32-year-old filmmaker, also became the youngest to win best director.



"This was a movie about love and I was luckily enough to fall in love while making it," said Chazelle, speaking about his girlfriend and Oscars date, Olivia Hamilton.

Barry Jenkins, the writer-director of "Moonlight" and Tarell Alvin McCraney, whose play it was based on, won for adapted screenplay. "All you people out there who feel like there isn't a mirror out there for you, the academy has your back, the ACLU has your back and for the next four years we will not leave you alone, we will not forget you," said Jenkins.

Kenneth Lonergan, the New York playwright whose last film ("Margaret") was beset by lawsuits and conflict, won best original screenplay. "I love the movies. I love being part of the movies," said Lonergan, who then thanked his star. "Thank you Casey Affleck, Casey Affleck, Casey Affleck."

Shortly later, Affleck—in one of the night's most closely watched categories, Affleck won best actor—his first Oscar—for his soulful, grief-filled performance in "Manchester by the Sea." Affleck and Denzel Washington ("Fences") were seen as neck-and-neck in the category. An admittedly "dumbfounded" Affleck looked shocked when his name was read.

"Man I wish I had something bigger and more meaningful to say," said Affleck, who hugged his more famous brother, Ben, before taking the stage.

The show kicked off with Justin Timberlake dancing down the Dolby Theatre aisles, singing his ebullient song, "Can't Stop the Feeling," from the animated film "Trolls." It was an early cue that the Oscars would steer, at least in part, toward festiveness rather than heavyhandedness. Protests, boycotts and rallies have swirled ahead of Sunday night's Oscars. But host Kimmel, in his opening monologue, quickly acknowledged that he "was not that guy" to heal a divided America.

But he still, pointedly, led a standing ovation for the "overrated" Meryl Streep. He later tweaked the president by tweeting to him on air, including telling him that Streep "says hi."

The wins for Davis, who co-starred in Denzel Washington's August Wilson adaptation "Fences," and Mahershala Ali, the "Moonlight" co-star, were both widely expected. Their awards marked the first time in more than a decade that multiple Oscar acting honors went to black actors.

"I became an artist, and thank god I did, because we are the only profession to celebrate what it means to live a life," said Davis, the best supporting actress winner. "So here's to August Wilson, who exhumed and exalted the ordinary people."

Ali won best supporting actor for "Moonlight." He glowed on the stage as he informed the crowd that he and his wife, Amatus Sami-Karim, welcomed a daughter four days earlier. The actor thanked his wife for "being such a soldier through the process."

Both stuck to more private reflections over politics. But a more blunt protest came from a winner not in attendance. Best foreign film for the second time went to Asghar Farhadi, director of Iran's "A Salesman." Farhadi, who also won for his "A Separation," had said he wouldn't attend because of Trump's travel band to seven predominantly Muslim nations. Anousheh Ansari, an Iranian astronaut, read a statement from Farhadi.

"I'm sorry I'm not with you tonight," it read. "My absence is out of respect for the people of my country and those of other six nations who have been disrespected by the inhumane law that bans entry of immigrants to the U.S."

The broadcast often veered between such strong personal statements and Kimmel's efforts to keep things a little lighter with bits reminiscent of his late-night show. Shortly before he led a dazed, unsuspecting tour group into the theater, presenter Gael Garcia Bernal, the Mexican actor, declared: "As a migrant worker, as a Mexican, and as a human being, I am against any wall." Rich Moore, one of the three directors of Disney's best animated film winner "Zootopia," described the movie as about "tolerance being more powerful than fear of the other."

Gibson's World War II drama "Hacksaw Ridge" was, surprisingly, the evening's first double winner, taking awards for editing and sound mixing. The bearded Gibson, for a decade a pariah in Hollywood, was seated front and center for the show, and was a frequent presence throughout.

Ezra Edelman's "O.J.: Made in America" took best documentary, making it—at 467 minutes—the longest Oscar winner ever, beating out the 1969 Best Foreign Language Film winner "War and Peace" (431 minutes). Edelman's documentary, while it received an Oscar-qualifying theatrical release, was seen by most on ESPN as a serial, prompting some to claim its place was at the Emmys, not the Oscars.

Edelman dedicated the award to the victims of the famous crime, Nicole Brown

Simpson and Ronald Goldman.

"This is also for other victims, victims of police violence, police brutality," Edelman said. "This is their story as it is Ron and Nicole's."

The "OscarsSoWhite" crisis of the last two years was largely quelled this season by a richly diverse slate of nominees, thanks to films like "Moonlight," ''Fences" and "Hidden Figures." A record six black actors are nominated. For the first time ever, a person of color is nominated in each acting category. And four of the five best documentary nominees were also directed by black filmmakers.

"I want to say thank you to President Trump," Kimmel said in the opening. "Remember last year when it seemed like the Oscars were racist?"

The nominees follow the efforts by Academy of Motions Pictures Arts and Sciences President Cheryl Boone Isaacs to diversify the membership of the largely white, older and male film academy. In June, the academy added 683 new members: 46 percent of them were female; 41-percent were nonwhite; and they pulled from 59 countries.

"Tonight is proof that art has no borders, no single language and does not belong to a single faith," said Isaacs.

Trump on the mind at the Oscars in jokes, protest

NEW YORK (AP)—President Donald Trump was never far from mind on Oscar night, but with one exception Sunday, the political speeches were left at home.

Midway through the evening, host Jimmy Kimmel tried to get a rise out of Trump by tweeting to him on the air. By the show's end, the leader of the free world hadn't taken the bait.

Kimmel joked about Trump several times, and made an elaborate point of calling attention to Trump target Meryl Streep. For the most part, Academy Award winners thanked mom, their directors and seemed—or acted—overwhelmed by the honor. Streep, whose Golden Globes attack on the soon-to-be president overshadowed those awards, stuck to her script when she appeared on stage to give an award.

Iranian filmmaker Asghar Farhadi, winner of the Oscar for best foreign film, boycotted Sunday's ceremony, citing Trump's travel ban of several predominantly Muslim countries, including his own. He sent Iranian astronaut Anousheh Ansari to read a statement for him.

"My absence is out of respect for the people of my country and those of other six nations whom have been disrespected by the inhumane law that bans entry of immigrants to the U.S.," Ansari said, quoting Farhadi. "Dividing the world into the us and our enemies categories creates fear."

All six directors nominated in the category issued a statement two days before the ceremony criticizing the "climate of fascism" in the U.S.

Marlon Brando's decision to send American Indian Sacheen Littlefeather to accept his best actor award in 1973 essentially began the modern marriage of Oscar and politics. But it was still so unusual that when documentary producer Bert Schneider talked about the Vietnam War two years later, Frank Sinatra later read an apology on-air.

Since then an Oscars podium has been used several



times for political causes: Vanessa Redgrave on behalf of Palestinians in 1978, Michael Moore to denounce President George W. Bush in 2003, Sean Penn to boost gay marriage

in 2009, Patricia Arquette to advocate for equal pay for women in 2015 and Leonardo DiCaprio to talk about climate change last year.

At the end of his monologue,

Kimmel said of audience members that "some of you will get to come up on stage here and give a speech that the president of the United States will tweet about in all caps during his 5

Only Farhadi took a real swing at the president, however.

a.m. bowel movement."

Kimmel made several allusions to Trump, including one in a joke that brought in the Academy Awards' past controversy over a lack of diversity in nominees. "Remember last year when people were saying the Oscars were racist?" he said.

He referred to the "overrated" Streep, who received a standing ovation from her peers. Following her Golden Globes speech, Trump had taunted her by calling the award-winning actress overrated. Kimmel joked about her dress, saying, "by the way, is Justin Timberlake performs songs from best original song nominee "Can't Stop the Feeling," from "Trolls" at the Oscars on Sunday, Feb. 26, 2017, at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles.

that an Ivanka?

Kimmel also referred to White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer's banning of some reporters from a briefing on Friday, saying that reporters from CNN, the New York Times, the Los Angeles Times and others needed to leave.

"We have no tolerance for fake news," he said.

As he introduced the nominees for the best supporting actress award, last year's supporting actor winner Mark Rylance said there should be an award for people who can oppose things without hatred. Trump wasn't named, but the context seemed clear.

If Trump was watching, only Twitter may tell. Asked last week whether the president plans to tune in, White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer said he didn't know. But since there's a governor's ball on Sunday, "I have a feeling that's where the president and the first lady are going to be focused on on Sunday night," he said.

Something that did draw Trump's attention was the announcement that The New York Times would run an advertisement during the ceremony. The president tweeted Sunday that the Times was trying to "save its failing reputation." He encouraged the Times to "try reporting accurately & fairly" in a tweet that had its own inaccuracy: it's not the first time, as Trump had tweeted, that the Times has advertised its wares.

WINNERS' LIST

List of winners for the 89th annual Academy Awards presented by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

Best Picture: "Moonlight." **Actor:** Casey Affleck, "Manchester by the Sea."

Actress: Emma Stone, "La La Land."

Supporting Actor: Mahershala Ali, "Moonlight."

Supporting Actress: Viola

Davis, "Fences." **Directing:** Damien Chazelle, "La La Land."

Foreign Language Film: "The Salesman," Iran.

Adapted Screenplay:

"Moonlight," screenplay by Barry Jenkins, story by Tarell Alvin McCraney.

Original Screenplay: Kenneth Lonergan, "Manchester by the Sea."

Production Design: "La La Land," Production Design: David Wasco; Set Decoration: Sandy Reynolds-

Cinematography: Linus Sandgren, "La La Land."

Sound Mixing: "Hacksaw Ridge," Kevin O'Connell, Andy Wright, Robert Mackenzie and Peter Grace.

Sound Editing: "Arrival," Sylvain Bellemare.

Original Score: "La La Land," Justin Hurwitz.

Original Song: "City of Stars" from "La La Land," music by Justin Hurwitz, lyric by Ben Pasek and Justin Paul.

Costume Design: Colleen Atwood, "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them."

Documentary (short subject): "The White Helmets," Orlando von Einsiedel and Joanna Natasegara.

Documentary Feature: "O.J.: Made in America," Ezra Edelman and Caroline Waterlow.

Film Editing: "Hacksaw

Ridge," John Gilbert.

Makeup and Hairstyling: "Suicide Squad," Alessandro Bertolazzi, Giorgio Gregorini and Christopher Nelson.

Animated Feature Film: "Zootopia," Byron Howard, Rich Moore and Clark Spencer.

Animated Short Film: "Piper," Alan Barillaro and Marc Sondheimer.

Live Action Short Film: "Sing," Kristof Deak and Anna Udvardy.

Visual Effects: "The Jungle Book," Robert Legato, Adam Valdez, Andrew R. Jones and Dan Lemmon.

Adoptive families celebrate with special day each year

EAR ABBY: As parents of an adopted child, we were concerned about when we would have "the conversation." Then a neighbor told us about how they would celebrate "Gotcha Day" with their adopted daughter each year.

Gotcha Day is a day to celebrate because it's the day we became a family. We "adopted" their idea and have been doing something special on this day since before our child could even say the word "gotcha."

Early on, she had no idea what we were celebrating; she just knew it was a special day for us. Through the years, she was able to process exactly what it meant at her own pace, which relieved the need to ever have that dreaded conversation. Recently our daughter told us she loves this day more than her actual birthday!

I thought I'd share this with other adoptive parents who worry about when the right time might be to explain to their child that they were prayed for, wanted, loved and adopted.

BLESSED PARENTS IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR BLESSED PARENTS: I had never heard of anything like this, but I think it's a great concept and certainly worth sharing with my readers. Thank you!

DEAR ABBY: After 32 years of marriage, my wife went out and got a tattoo on her shoulder. It's about 8 inches by 6 inches (quite large), and she did it without any advance discussion with me, which has left me sort of shocked. Her position is that it's her body and she'll do what she wants. This has driven a wedge between us, and I'm not sure if we can move forward. What is your advice?

UNMARKED IN NEVADA

DEAR UNMARKED: To me, what's important is not that your wife got the tattoo without discussing it with you, but her motive for doing it in secret. My advice is to do nothing in haste or in anger. Try to get her to explain to you what the tattoo symbolizes to her, because it may be important. After that, whether you decide to move forward—or move out—is something only you can decide.

DEAR ABBY: My co-worker tried to commit suicide last year. She took eight months off after that. Now we are approaching the one-year anniversary.

We work for a small, family-owned business. Everyone knows she tried to kill herself, but no one knows why. She has reduced her hours and her stress level, at least at work. I have picked up most of her duties, and I'm quick to lend a hand. She's a lot older than I am, and I'm not comfortable lending an ear.

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

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How do we handle this situation? Do we act like it's just like any other normal day?

UNCOMFORTABLE AT WORK

DEAR UNCOMFORTABLE: If your co-worker wanted to disclose her reason(s) for trying to kill herself, you would already know what drove her. Because a suicide attempt is nothing to celebrate, be sensitive and don't draw attention to it unless she brings it up.

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Jason Aldean, 40; Ali Larter, 41; Eric Lindros, 44; Pat Monahan, 48

Happy Birthday: Concentrate on being original and creative and look for alternatives as you face challenges this year. Don't let confusion set in, causing you to waffle and make little progress. So much can be accomplished if you believe and trust in your ability to take care of unfinished business and begin new ventures that encourage personal growth and greater prosperity. Your numbers are 5, 12, 23, 28, 34, 42, 46.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Emotions can be handled in different ways. Carefully assess the situations that make you anxious before you plunge into something that is best handled by saying and doing little. Keep your life simple. Avoid overreacting. ���

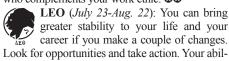
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't reveal information that may be incriminating or hurt someone unintentionally. Weigh the pros and cons of an idea you have and you'll come up with the best way to approach your plans. You will prosper as you move forward. •••

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Look for an opportunity and seize the moment. Don't share your findings with anyone who may be trying to pry into your affairs. Stay focused on what's important to you and refuse to back down. Romance and personal gains look promising. OOOO



CANCER (June 21-July 22): Make plans strategically. Don't feel the need to overspend to impress others, and avoid trying

to bring about changes that aren't really necessary. You'll gain the most from working with someone who complements your work ethic.



ity to size things up and make a move will ensure that you don't miss out. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Domestic alterations will require your input. Don't go over budget or make an assumption

that someone else will handle matters as efficiently as you. Be diplomatic to avoid being left to do the grunt work.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Greater opportunity will develop as you move forward with your plans. Added discipline will help you finish what you start and impress those who can make a difference to the final outcome of your plans. Romance is highlighted. •••

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Divide

your time between personal and professional matters. Balance and equality will give you a much clearer picture of how you should move forward in all aspects of your life. Trust your intuition to help you make good choices.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): There will be a division between those you have to deal with and those you want to spend time with. Don't trust anyone to look out for your best interests. Move forward with integrity and honorable motives.

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CAPRICORN (*Dec.* 22-Jan. 19): You'll be tempted by what others offer. Use your intelligence and common sense to avoid turning into someone else's scapegoat. Protect against loss, indulgence and injury. Hold

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Make your move. Follow your heart and seize the moment. Actions will lead to new beginnings and greater stability. Contracts, settlements and financial matters will turn in your favor. Personal and financial gains are within reach. Reward yourself. **DOO**

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Choose to live your life your own way. Express your concerns and replace what isn't working for you with something that will. Trust your perception to guide you through confusion and uncertainty. Challenge anyone who stands in your way. 🛇 🗘

Birthday Baby: You are perceptive, expressive and kind. You are understanding and helpful. Eugenia's website—eugenialast.com, Eugenia's android app @ http://bit.ly/exhoro and join Eugenia on twitter/facebook/linkedin.

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<u>lob Requirements:</u> Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and/or Information Technology. With excellent English and Chinese communication skills both oral and written. Must possess experience in MS Office suite. One-year related experience in administrative type functions an advantage. Service-oriented, with strong organizational skills, active listening and active learning is required. Must be open to a variety of responsibilities, changing assignments, and be an overall team player.

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Responsible in planning and implementation of the overall business direction of the company. Responsible for creating production and marketing plans and making sure these plans are implemented and targets are achieved accordingly.

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Building Cleaner (1)

High School Diploma or equivalent. Must have at least 3 years working experience. Dependable attendance, hard working and follows directions well. Important qualities: detailed oriented, responsible. Interpersonal skills: Must get along well with people they provide services for and must be polite and friendly. Physical stamina: Must be able to spend many hours on their feet scrubbing, bending, stooping, and stretching and must be able to lift or move up to 50 pounds. Must be able to work flexible hours and days.

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- Attended a hemodialysis-training program
- Three years hemodialysis experience-preferred
- English language skills-proficient in spoken, written and comprehension
- Certification in Basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
- Flexible with time schedule

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

) CIVIL ACTION NO.: \ 26-0252

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUMMONS BY
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aka ANGELINA P. RIOS) ON PETITION TOK) LETTERS OF) ADMINISTRATION Deceased.) AND APPOINTMENT) OF ADMINISTRATRI:

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TO: THE SURVIVING HEIRS OF ANGELINA BORJA PEREDO aka ANGELINA P. RIOS:

The foregoing Summons/Notice of Hearing is served upon you by publication to notify you that on April 20, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., a hearing will be held before the Honorable Joseph N. Camacho on Petitioner Armando Villafuerte's Petition for Letters of Administratria in the above-styled matter, at the Superior Court for the CNMI, Guma Hustisia, on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The attorney for Armando Villafuerte is Robert T. Torres, whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

Dated this 29th day of December, 2016.

/s/ Clerk of Court Deputy Clerk of Cour

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- Can Speak Korean, Chinese, and English
- At least 4 Years Experience in Managing
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- At least 3 Years Experience

Contact Person: Adonis I. Santos Contact Number: 323-0102

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Contact Person: Adonis I. Santos Contact Number: 323-2916

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Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance and Accounting with at least 5 years work-related experience in insurance financial management, payroll and general accounting procedures with emphasis on receivable, payable, and payroll management. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system, GENIISYS and MS Word and Excel software. Payroll accountant must possess experience in electronic processing of timesheets, allotments, and standard and government deductions. Must be able to work under time pressure and flexible hours.

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Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree. Preferably with at least 4 years of work experience in a non-life insurance company particularly in claims. Must also have knowledge in automotive damage adjusting and/or estimation. Must be hard working, self-motivated team player with excellent communication and time management skills. Computer literate on Microsoft Office and Oracle based system program. Ideal candidate should be able to evaluate, monitor and adjust claims in accordance with the Claims Processing and Settlement Procedures; attends directly to claimants and auto shops, and will work closely with agents on claims. Generates claims reports and statistics for reinsurance, inter-department and management info requirements.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at Century Insurance Company Ltd. Human Resources Office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, **Tuesday, March 7, 2017.**

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Generator System Supply and Installation- Department of Public Safety RFP17-GOV-076

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the CNMI Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), (collectively, "Commonwealth") are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified contractors to supply and install a generator for the Department of Public Safety on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, currently in effect, and with the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (NMIAC) §70-30-3-725 Gratuities and Kickbacks and §70.30.3-730 Prohibition Against Contingent Fees. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the CNMI.

The project package will be available beginning February 28, 2017 at the Governor's CIP Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan. A pre-proposal meeting regarding this project will be held at 10:00 a.m. on March 16, 2017 at the Department Public Safety conference room in Susupe.

Questions about this request for proposal shall be addressed to the HMGP Office attn.: Leona DLG. Sablan, in writing via e-mail: leona.cip@gmail.com or facsimile (670) 664-2408 no later than 4:00 p.m., ChST, March 22, 2017.

The total proposal length shall not exceed 15 pages in length. A contractor that submits a proposal as a prime contractor cannot also submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, as a subcontractor, a company may be included in multiple proposals by different contractors.

Proposals will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

 Qualifications and experience on similar projects
 30%

 Work load and resources to accomplish work
 10%

 Project Approach & Schedule
 10%

 Cost
 50%

Performance time for completion of this project is 120 calendar days upon issuance of notice to proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by 120 calendar days, the contract price and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

Discussions shall be conducted with the top 3 ranked contractors. After a selection is made, negotiations will be conducted with the highest qualified contractor to determine the final fair and reasonable price of the contract for the work to be performed. The successful proposers will be subjected to a responsibility and responsiveness determination in compliance with Section 3-301 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

Proposals must be sealed and marked RFP17-GOV-076 Generator System Supply and Installation-Department of Public Safety. For proposers within the CNMI, one original and three (3) copies of the proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply located at the former Emergency Management Office, Building No. 1301, Ascencion Drive, Capitol Hill on Saipan no later than 10:00 a.m. ChST, April 6, 2017. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of intent to propose. Notices of intent to propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., ChST, April 6, 2017 and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com.

For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and three (3) copies of the sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than, April 6, 2017 and must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than April 18, 2017. Failure to submit the required number of copies of the proposal may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfection in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interests of the CNMI government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

Virginia C. Villagomez Governor's Authorized Representative

Herman S. Sablan
Director of Procurement and Supply

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to apply for the following positions:

Accountants (1)

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Bachelor's Degree plus 10 years experience in the insurance business, with at least 5 years experience as a General or Operations Manager position in an insurance company. Must possess experience in managing, technical underwriting, including actual undertaking of risk analysis through risk survey and/or inspections of huge risks. Must have experience in managing reinsurance transactions, with reinsurance brokers and reinsurers which involves undertaking of PML, Catastrophe Modeling, Setting Company Risk Retention. Must also be experienced in managing insurance claims handling including setting up of loss reserves in overseeing Claims Manager functions.

System Analyst (1)

Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science/Technology or Management Information Systems with a minimum 4 years experience in computer systems and programming. Must possess a broad knowledge and experience in computer systems, strong problem-solving and analytical skills, and the ability to think logically. Must have knowledge in Oracle server and programming, and a strong experience in insurance database and program — GENIISYS and an in-depth experience in insurance business operations. Must have good interpersonal and communication skills.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at Human Resources Office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Thursday, March 9, 2017.

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L&T Group of Companies, Ltd. is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following positions:

Accounting and Circulations Manager (1)

College degree with financial management major and 3 years of progressive financial management and newspaper circulation experience. Minimum of 5 years experience in directing the preparation of financial reports and implementing cash management and newspaper circulation activities. Excellent communication and strong interpersonal skills to manage a work team and independent contractors. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) system and Microsoft software. CPA not required.

Associate Editor (1)

Circulations Coordinator (1)

Associates degree in Journalism, Creative Writing, English, or any other related course with at least 5 years experience, including newsroom management, story evaluation, and production. Must have strong rewriting, headlining, and proofreading skills and must be able to meet tight deadlines. Preferably with an extensive experience in sports writing.

Associates degree with a minimum of 2 years progressively responsible work experience. Requirements include professional customer service and good driving skills. Must be able to routinely lift and move bundles of newspapers up to 50 lbs.

Graphic Designer (3)

Associate's degree in Graphic Design or other related field. Minimum of 3 years work experience doing computer graphics and newspaper layout. Proficiency in Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator and Adobe InDesign is a must. Must be familiar with offset printing process,

computer peripherals, and Mac operating system. Strong organizational and self-management skills, including the ability to multi-task and prioritize are required. Can work flexible hours, weekends, and holidays, depending on demand.

Art Director (1)
Assigns and directs staff members to develop design concepts into art layouts or prepare layouts for printing. Formulates basic layout design or presentation approach, and conceives material details, such as style and size of type, photographs, graphics, and arrangement. Reviews and approves art and copy materials developed by staff, and proofs of printed copy. Presents final layouts to client for approval. Writes typography instructions, such as margin widths and type sizes, Makes marks up, pastes, and completes layouts and draws custom

illustrations for project. Managing Editor (1)

Associates degree in Journalism, Creative Writing, English, or any related course. At least 8 years progressive journalism and newspaper management experience with a strong story evaluation and production background. Must have rigorous proofreading skills and able to meet tight deadlines. Knows how to use InDesign or Quark Express and must be adept in the various technical aspects of

Reporters (2

Associates degree in Journalism, Creative Writing, English, or any related course; At least 3 years work related experience; Above-average writing skills and a competent grasp of grammar and syntax; With rigorous standards for accuracy and detail; Ability to work within deadlines and in a stressful environment; Knowledgeable in all types of writing, including news and features; With photography skills. Must have own reliable transportation

Sports Reporter (1)

Associates degree in Journalism, Creative Writing, English or any related course; At least 2 years experience in sports writing. Above average writing skills, with strong grasp of grammar and syntax. Must be able to write stories based on score sheets. Can work fast within deadlines and in a stressful environment. Fast learner, self-starter, and a team player. Must be able to work on holidays, weekends, late nights, and on a short notice. Must be computer literate and have photography skills. Must have own reliable transportation.

Accountant (1)

Associate's Degree in Finance or Accounting with at least 3 years work-related experience in general accounting procedures with emphasis on receivables and payable management. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system and MS Excel, Word and PowerPoint software. Must be able to work under time pressure and must work flexible hours. CPA not required.

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Management Accountant (2)

College degree with accounting or financial management major and 5 years of progressive financial management experience. Minimum of 3 years experience in analyzing, interpreting and providing sound financial information. Must be adept in monthly financial statement preparation and consolidation, cash flow forecasting, budgeting, and providing financial projections. Must have excellent communication, organizational and self-management skills. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) system and Microsoft Excel, Power

Building Cleaner (4)

High School Diploma or equivalent. Must have at least 3 years working experience. Dependable attendance, hard working and follows directions well. Important qualities: detailed oriented, responsible. Interpersonal skills. Must get along well with people they provide services for and must be polite and friendly. Physical stamina. Must be able to spend many hours on their feet scrubbing, bending, stooping, and stretching and must be able to lift or move up to 50 pounds. Must be able to work flexible hours and days

Accountant (5)

Associate's Degree in Finance or Accounting with at least 3 years work related experience in financial management and/or payroll and general accounting procedures with emphasis on receivables and payable management. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system and MS Excel, Word and Power Point software. Must be able to work under time pressure and must work flexible hours. CPA not required.

Business Development Manager (1)

Graduate of a 4-year degree course with an Accounting or Financial Management major and at least 5 years of progressive financial and business management experience. Minimum of 3 years general management experience preferably in a financing or banking institution. Excellent communication and strong interpersonal skills. Must be proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) software and Microsoft software. Should possess a solid track record of accomplishing business objectives.

Accounting Manager (1)

College degree with financial management major and 5 years of progressive financial management experience. Minimum of 3 years experience in directing the preparation of financial reports and implementing cash management activities. Excellent communication and strong interpersonal skills to manage people. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) system and Microsoft software.

A Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a focus in accounting and/or finance. 2-3 years of progressive responsibility supervising a minimum of 3 associates. CPA/CPA candidate a plus. Audit experience also preferred. Must have knowledge with the use of SAP R3 FICO System and SAP Fixed Asset Module. Microsoft Office proficiency with advanced knowledge of Excel is a must.

Associate's Degree with 2 years experience of administrative and clerical procedures and systems such as word processing, managing files and records. Must be proficient in typing and good at written and oral communication. Must be able to consistently demonstrate good customer service and interpersonal skills at work. Must be available to work on weekends, holidays and weeknights. Proficient in MS Office including

High school graduate. Must be able to keep track of multiple documents and itemize. Dependable attendance, hard working and follows directions well. Good oral and written communication skills and good driving skills are required. Must provide and maintain own vehicle for work and have a valid driver's license. Must be available to work early mornings, late nights and weekends.

Administrative Assistant for Sports Facilities (4)

High school diploma or GED Certificate plus experience working in sports organization or sports facilities. Must be computer literate: Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook. Applicant must have good written and oral communication skills. Can work flexible hours and available on weekends, holidays and weeknights.

Air conditioning & Refrigeration Mechanic (2)

Associate's Degree or Vocational School graduate. Must have at least 2 years experience installing, servicing, and repairing air conditioning and refrigerating systems in residences and commercial establishments. Must have his/her own reliable transportation and must be able to work flexible hours.

HR & Administrative Assistant (1)

Associate's Degree. Must have knowledge of principles and procedures for personnel recruitment, selection, benefits and personnel information systems. Ability to work in confidential related matters, self-directed and be able to multi-task in a fast paced environment. With a minimum of 2 years work experience in an administrative role and accounting experience. Proficient in MS Office including Word, Excel and Outlook.

Vice President (1)

Graduate of 4-year degree course with a minimum of 10 years of professional progressive management experience and at least 5 years of general management experience in property management or hotel management, and tourism & cargo business experience for Korean Market. Proficient in English & Korean (reading, writing, speaking). Knowledge of lease negotiations plus financial and quality management is required. Must have a solid track record in accomplishing business objectives.

High school diploma or GED certificate. Must have at least 2 years experience installing, maintaining, and/or repairing electrical wiring, equipment, and fixtures. Must have knowledge of electrical codes, intercom and electrical control systems. Must be able to work flexible hours

High school diploma or equivalent with at least 3 years experience especially in equipment and appliance repair. Must have some basic knowledge and troubleshooting experience in plumbing and electrical systems, masonry, carpentry, and other cleaning and general maintenance work inside and outside facilities. Must be able to lift and move heavy supplies and objects. Must be willing to work flexible hours.

Associate's degree in any computer science, information engineering or other computer technology related areas. Must have at least 5 years of sound experience in local and wide area networks management and administration including system configuration, setup, troubleshooting, planning, designing, implementation, and user support. Must have knowledge in MS Exchange Email Server.

Engineering Manager (1)

Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering with at least 5 years of progressive management experience. Ability to successfully develop, implement and manage projects including the ability to provide effective leadership is a must. Adeptness in cost estimation and knowledge of quality control and federal regulations in environmental and occupational safety hazards is required. The duties of this job require constant outside travel and exposure to outside weather conditions. Must be able to provide his/her own transportation and must have a valid driver's license.

Associate's Degree in Sales or Marketing and at least 3 years work related experience are required. Must have his/her own reliable transportation. Must be able to meet monthly sales targets and have extensive contacts in various industries. Must be able to prepare management and sales reports and is proficient in various MS office software operations. Can work flexible hours. Must be available to work on weekends, holidays and weeknights.

Legal Secretary (2)

Associates degree and at least 2 years work related experience in a legal office. Proficient in case and document management software, Microsoft Office Word, Excel, Power Point and Outlook. Familiar in preparation and filing of pleadings and legal documents.

Corporate Paralegal Officer (1)

Bachelor's degree in paralegal studies or in any related field. Minimum of 3 years experience providing sound legal research, reliable litigation support and preparation of legal documents, pleadings and contracts. Excellent communication and interpersonal skills. Familiarity with Lexis - Nexis and Pacer - ECF is required.

IT Manager (1)

College degree with a major in computer science, computer technology or information engineering or other related areas is required. At least 5 years of progressive management experience and 8 years of sound and all-around IT technical experience is required. Must have well-developed written/oral and management skills and with a strong background in all IT hardware, software and communication business requirements.

Computer Technician (1)

Associate's degree in any computer science, information technology or other related areas. Must have at least 3 years of sound experience in electronics and communication systems with emphasis on the repair of computer equipment and installation of telephone cables/systems. Must be knowledgeable in different software applications and in hardware troubleshooting. Must be able to work flexible hours.

Associate's degree in Fine Arts, Graphic Design or other related areas. Minimum of 3 years work experience in creating graphics to meet specific commercial or promotional needs. Proficiency in Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator and Adobe InDesign is a must. Strong organizational and self-management skills, including the ability to multi-task and prioritize are required. Can work flexible hours, depending on demand.

Programmer Analyst (1)

Associate's degree in computer science or computer programming and at least 3 years of work-related experience in a professional Microsoft Windows environment. Strong practical knowledge in relational databases management particularly in midrange RDMS environment such as SQL server. Knowledge in windows-based and web-based programming is a must

> Interested applicants may send their resumes to workforcesolutions recruitment@gmail.com To be considered, applications or resumes must be submitted not later than 5:00 pm, Friday, March 10, 2017.

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We are seeking for high energy individuals with a positive, can do attitude. Pacific Islands Club, Saipan is inviting qualified, U.S. workers to apply for the following positions:

(1) ACCOUNT ANALYST

Minimum of three (3) years related work experience and one (1) year supervisory experience, preferably in hospitality. Degree in accounting is required; CPA preferred; Proficient in the use of Microsoft Office (Word and Excel) and must be knowledgeable in using Opera and MAS 90; Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

(1) ASSISTANT ENGINEERING MANAGER

Minimum of three (3) years of Engineering industry experience at a hotel plus two (2) years of supervisory experience. a Vocational degree or an Associate degree in Electrical Engineering or combination and/or related experience in the Engineering field is required. Technical knowledge and proficiency on electrical, plumbing and boiler operations is preferred. Excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to support a 24hrs business are also essential. Proficient in the use of Microsoft Office (word and excel), Must be able to work in a flexible schedule which includes early mornings, evenings, weekends and holidays.

(1) ASSISTANT FRONT OFFICE MANAGER

Assists with the Front Office operations, including a Call Center, Concierge, Tour Desk and Guest Service operations; Must have the ability to train employees to ensure standards of the hotel are met. Minimum of five (5) years of hotel/hospitality is required. Minimum of two (2) years of previous experience managing the Front Office of a hotel is required. Must be knowledgeable on Property Management System (PMS) - Opera. Excellent written and oral communication skills are necessary. Must be able to solve guest complaints and work in a high-pressured environment. Must be able to speak and understand one or more of the following languages: Korean, Japanese or Russian; Must be able to work graveyard shifts, evenings, weekends, and holidays.

(3) BARTENDER

Minimum one (1) year of related work experience; Must be at least 21 years old. Ability to speak Chinese, Korean, Russian or Japanese is preferred. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

(1) BUILDING MAINTENANCE

inimum of three (3) years related work experience. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays

Minimum of three (3) years work experience as a cabinet maker and finishing carpenter. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

(3) CHEF DE PARTIE

Minimum of three (3) years working in a similar capacity in a hotel, plus one (1) year of supervisory experience. Must have good management and organizational skills. Must have the ability to work independently and within a team, and have the ability to work well under pressure. Must have excellent communication skills. Must be able to work evenings, weekends, and holidays.

CLUBMATES

Must pass all American Red Cross Lifeguard requirements (including a 300 yard continuous swim test); Sports-minded individuals are encouraged to apply; Must possess good verbal and written communication skills; Korean, Japanese and/or Russian language skill is a plus; Paid training and free two year lifeguard certification course for eligible candidates; Must be able to work on evenings, weekends and holidays.

Minimum of one (1) year related work experience. Must be able to work evenings, weekends, and holidays.

(1) ELECTRICAL SUPERVISOR

Minimum of one (1) year of relevant experience working in a similar position at a hotel, plus one (1) year of supervisory experience is required. Vocational degree, an Associate degree, diploma in Engineering or any combination to its equivalent in the Engineering field is required. OSHA Certified and knowledge in handling hazardous materials is required. Must be able to work in a flexible schedule which includes early mornings, evenings, weekends and holidays.

(1) EXECUTIVE SOUS CHEF

Minimum of six (6) years of progressive experience in high volume food production or catering in multi-unit restaurant Hotel or Resort environment. Experience preparing multi-ethnic cuisine is required. Must have at least two (2) years of supervisory experience in a similar role. Must have the following: strong leadership/communication skills at all levels of the organization. Exceptional guest focus and proven positive employee relations skills a must. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

(1) GUEST RELATIONS

Minimum of two (2) years hospitality experience. Must have the ability in providing hotel guests with above and beyond service to ensure their experience will be worth remembering. Must have cheerful personality in meeting guest upon arrival and bids them farewell as they leave. Must be able to make strong and accurate decisions, negotiations and problem solving skills. Must have cashiering experience and computer literacy. Must be able to speak, read and write in English and one or more of the following languages: Korean, Russian, Japanese or Chinese. Must be able to work evenings, weekends, and holidays.

(1) HVAC TECHNICIAN
Minimum of four (4) years related work experience. Must be able to work evenings, weekends, and holidays.

Minimum two (2) years experience as a musician; Must be able to perform music in English as well as Japanese/Korean/Russian; Need to be able to play a variety of music genres, classical, pop, rock, reggae, country etc. Must be able to play on an individual, duo and trio basis; At least one member must be a classical pianist, playing classical music during restaurant dining hours. Must be able to host events, MC events, be able to promote audience participation during sing-a-long shows. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays. May be subject to audition.

Minimum of two (2) years of related experience with bread making, pastry making and cake decorating. Must have previous experience in high volume production including large banquets, functions and special events. High School Diploma or higher is required. Must be able to work early mornings, nights, weekends and holidays.

(2) POOL MAINTENANCE

Minimum of two (2) years related work experience. Previous HAZMAT training preferred. Shift begins at 2:00 a.m. daily. Must be able to work evenings weekends and holidays.

(1) S.E.A SCHEDULER/CLUBMATE

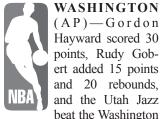
Must be a certified American Red Cross lifeguard with a minimum of three years of experience. Must possess excellent verbal and written communication skills. Must have working knowledge of Microsoft Word and be proficient with Microsoft Excel, with the ability to work well under pressure. Strong attention to detail and the ability to work under deadlines are necessary qualifications for the S.E.A Scheduler Applicants must be versed in the operations and rotations of the S.E.A department. Position will be asked to work various shifts in the hotels' waterpark, so sports-minded individuals are encouraged to apply, Must be able to work evenings, weekends, and holidays. Korean, Japanese and/or Russian language skills

(1) SOUS CHEF

Minimum of three (3) years of relevant experience working in a similar role for a hotel or resort environment. Experience in preparing multi-ethnic cuisine is required. Must have good knowledge of food production, food safety standards and have the ability to train and lead a team. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

> Applications must be received by 5:00pm on Tuesday, March 14th, 2017. PIC applications are available at the PIC Security Desk by the Loading Dock/Employee Entrance. Incomplete applications will NOT be accepted or considered. PIC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Hayward scores 30 points as Jazz beat Wizards, 102-92



(AP)—Gordon Hayward scored 30 points, Rudy Gobert added 15 points and 20 rebounds, and the Utah Jazz beat the Washington

Wizards 102-92 on Sunday for their third straight victory.

Northwest Division-leading Utah led by as many as 24 points before Washington got within six with just over 2 minutes left. Hayward hit a pair of jumpers to seal the win.

George Hill added 21 points for Utah.

Washington, the Southeast Division leader, has lost two in a row for the first time since early January. John Wall led the Wizards with 23 points and 11 assists. Bradley Beal, who was scoreless in the first half, added 22 points.

Utah converted 23 of 32 free throws, while Washington made 10 of 13. The Jazz outrebounded the Wizards 52-27.

Utah led 49-39 at halftime and opened a 62-43 lead with 6:48 left in the third quarter on Derrick Favors' dunk off a feed from Gobert, necessitating Wizards coach Scott Brooks' second timeout of the quarter.

Consecutive 3-pointers by Hill soon increased the lead

Bojan Bogdanovic's 33-footer capped a 14-3 Wizards run to end the quarter and Utah's lead was 73-60 to start the fourth.

Washington trailed by 16 when Wall hit a 3 and Beal followed with five quick points to make it 93-85 with remaining. Bogdanovic's two free throws cut the deficit to six at the 2:01 mark, but Hayward sandwiched a 3-pointer and a long 2 around a Washington turnover to stall the rally.

The Jazz shot 50 percent from the field and hit 13 of 18 free throws in the first half to build a 10-point lead.

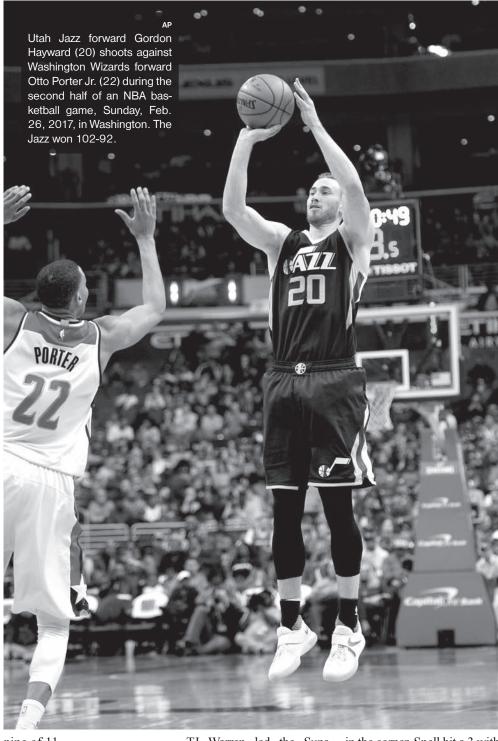
The margin could have been bigger but Utah turned the ball over 14 times, leading to 15 Washington points. The Wizards shot 36.7 percent (18 of 49) and made their only free throw attempt.

After scoring 40 points in his previous game, Beal went to the bench with 5:08 left in the first half with three fouls and no points.

Spurs 119, Lakers 98

In Los Angeles, Kawhi Leonard scored 25 points as the San Antonio Spurs routed the Lakers in Los Angeles' first home game since Magic Johnson took over the franchise's basketball operations.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 16 points for the Spurs, who have won four straight and



Pau Gasol added 15 points against his former team, and the Southwest Division leaders had little trouble with the Lakers, who have lost four straight and 15 of 19.

Five days after owner Jeanie Buss put Johnson in charge of basketball operations, the Lakers' dismal season still hasn't changed much, although new Lakers acquisitions Corev Brewer and Tyler Ennis got limited playing time.

Rookie Brandon Ingram scored a season-high 22 points as the Lakers fell to 19-41, ensuring their fourth consecutive non-winning season.

Bucks 100, Suns 96

In Milwaukee, Greece's Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 28 points and Tony Snell made a clinching 3-pointer from the corner in the closing seconds as Milwaukee held on to beat Phoenix.

Michael Beasley added 17 points and Malcolm Brogdon had 15 as the Bucks swept the two-game season series with the Suns. Greg Monroe finished with 14 points and Snell had 13.

TJ Warren led the Suns with 23 points. Alan Williams scored a career-high 17 points and tied his career high with 15 rebounds, while Devin Booker added 15 points and Eric Bledsoe had 11.

Clinging to a one-point lead, the Bucks came out of a timeout with Monroe inbounding the ball to Antetokounmpo. He dribbled the clock down before passing to Brogdon, who whipped the ball to Snell in the corner. Snell hit a 3 with a defender flying at him.

Raptors 112, Trail **Blazers 106**

In Toronto, DeMar DeRozan scored 33 points, Serge Ibaka added 18 and Toronto beat

The Raptors won their third in a row and wrapped up a second straight season sweep of Portland. They previously had beaten the Trail Blazers 95-91

in Portland on Dec. 26.

Damian Lillard scored 28 points for the Trail Blazers, who got 18 from Maurice

Up 98-96 with 4:41 remaining, the Raptors scored the next six points, with back-toback jump shots from Ibaka and a pair of free throws from DeRozan putting them up by eight with 3:16 remaining.

Celtics 104, Pistons 98

In Auburn Hills, Michigan, Jaylen Brown sank a 3-pointer from the right corner while being fouled with 37.6 seconds remaining, part of a five-point possession for Boston that lifted the Celtics over Detroit.

The Celtics were down 96-95 when Brown connected while being fouled by Marcus Morris. Brown missed the ensuing free throw, but Detroit couldn't come up with the rebound, and Tobias Harris was called for a loose-ball foul. Marcus Smart added two free throws to put Boston up 100-96.

Isaiah Thomas led the Celtics with 33 points. Andre Drummond had 17 points and 15 rebounds for the Pistons, but he went 1 of 11 on free throws and was taken out for some key possessions toward the end to prevent Boston from fouling him.

Grizzlies 105, Nuggets 98

In Denver, Mike Conley scored 31 points including 13 in the fourth quarter to help Memphis hold off Denver.

Zach Randolph finished with 20 points and 11 rebounds for Memphis, which snapped a two-game skid. Marc Gasol chipped in 23 points and found his mark from long range by hitting three 3-pointers.

The Grizzlies have now won four straight in Denver an intriguing run, considering they're just 9-32 all-time in the Mile High City.

Danilo Gallinari had 24 points as Denver dropped to 0-12 this season when failing to reach the 100-point plateau.

The Grizzlies outscored the Nuggets 21-13 in second-chance points and outrebounded them by a 49-39 margin. What's more, Memphis finished 22 of 25 from the free throw line.

Thunder 118, Pelicans 110

In Oklahoma City, Russell Westbrook scored 41 points in his 29th triple-double of the season to help the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the New Orleans Pelicans.

Westbrook had 21 points in the fourth quarter. He shot 7 for 19 from the field the first three quarters and was 7 for 10 in the fourth. He also had 11 rebounds and 11 assists in the 66th triple-double of his career.

Enes Kanter had 20 points and nine rebounds, and Steven Adams added 13 points and 10 boards for the Thunder, who won their third straight.

Anthony Davis scored 38 points and DeMarcus Cousins had 31 points and 10 rebounds, but he played just 22 minutes and fouled out while getting dunked on by Westbrook. The Pelicans fell to 0-3 since acquiring Cousins in a trade with Sacramento.

Clippers 124, Hornets 121, OT

In Los Angeles, Blake Griffin scored a season-high 43 points and Chris Paul had 15 points and 17 assists as Los Angeles held off Charlotte in overtime.

The Hornets lost despite getting 34 points from Kemba Walker and 31 from Nicolas Batum, who shot 8 of 13 on 3-pointers.

Charlotte had a chance to win at the end, trailing by one late in overtime, but a poor pass by Walker was picked off by center DeAndre Jordan with six seconds to go. He followed Paul's miss on the other end with a dunk that all but sealed the victory.

J.J. Redick had 22 points for the Clippers.

Pat Riley says Magic Johnson will win with the Lakers

MIAMI (AP)—Pat Riley has rifle his," Riley said. "But I'm never doubted Magic Johnson, and isn't about to start now.

Riley believes Johnson will succeed in what looks like a daunting task of getting the Los Angeles Lakers back to prominence. After the Lakers cleaned house this past week, Johnson and Riley are contemporaries—Riley president of the Miami Heat, Johnson in the same role out in L.A., where they won four titles together in the 1980s.

Trade talks, he cautioned, will be dangerous for both sides.

"He's going to try to rifle my pockets and I'm going to try to happy for him, and I'm also happy for the Lakers."

The news took Riley back to 1991, when Johnson delivered the shocking word that he was HIV-positive and had to retire from basketball. Riley was gone from Los Angeles by that point, and was then coach of the New York Knicks. But it resonated deeply within Riley, who has maintained a very close relationship with Johnson.

Hearing Johnson speak about taking over the Lakers this past week moved Riley as well, albeit in an obviously different fashion.

think everybody in the countimes in recent years. try not knowing exactly what HIV was all about, we all sort of looked at that as a very difficult time and possibly a death sentence for the kid," Riley said. "Now 25 years later, he stands at the press conference saying that he's president of the team. Deja vu, you know?"

Riley said Johnson didn't seek his counsel on what life is like as a team president before taking the Lakers job. Riley said Johnson already knew the answer to anything he would ask, simply from being around

"Back then, all of us and I his former coach so many

The news wasn't entirely easy for Riley to digest, since he also holds now-former general manager Mitch Kupchak in high regard. Kupchak, who played for Riley, was let go as part of the front-office sweepout by the Lakers this past week.

But he sounded completely confident in what Johnson will accomplish.

"There couldn't be a better person and worker, I think, to be the sort of face and also to spearhead," Riley said. "He'll get the job done out there."

Jameis Winston: Comments about girls were 'poor word choice'



BURG, (AP)—Jameis Winston is back in the spotlight—

and not in a positive light—for what he described as a "poor word choice" in comments about women during a talk to Florida grade school students.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback, who was accused of raping another student while at Florida State University but never charged, spoke for nearly 40 minutes to third through fifth graders at Melrose Elementary in St. Petersburg during an appearance this week.

When some of the students started getting fidgety, Winston told boys in the audience to stand up and girls to sit down, the Tampa Bay Times (http://bit.ly/2mkiPhJ) reported.

"All my young boys, stand up. The ladies, sit down," Winston told the children. "But all my boys, stand up. We strong, right? We strong! We strong, right? All my boys, tell me one time: I can do anything I put my mind to. Now a lot of boys aren't supposed to be soft-spoken."

In this Dec. 18, 2016, file photo, Tampa Bay Buccaneers' Jameis Winston participates in a news conference after an NFL football game against the Dallas Cowboys in Arlington, Texas.

The quarterback went on to say, "But the ladies, they're supposed to be silent, polite, gentle. My men, my men (are) supposed to be strong."

Asked later about the speech, Winston said he was attempting to interact with a young boy in the audience who didn't appear to be paying attention. He said he didn't want to single him out so he asked all the boys to stand.

"During my talk, I used a poor word choice that may have overshadowed that positive message for some," said Winston, who has been active in numerous community and charitable endeavors since entering the NFL as the No. 1 draft pick in 2015.

Bonnie Volland, a speech language pathologist at Melrose, said Winston's message about children being able to accomplish anything was positive. But when he told the boys to stand up and that they



NFL BRIEFS

Ravens safety Elam arrested on marijuana, drug charges

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Baltimore Ravens safety Matt Elam faces marijuana, oxycodone and reckless driving charges after being arrested in Miami Beach. Miami-Dade County jail records show Elam was arrested Sunday. He was charged with possession of marijuana, possession of marijuana with the intent to deliver or sell and possession of a controlled substance, oxycodone. He was being held on \$15,500 bail. Miami Beach police spokesman Ernesto Rodriguez said details of his arrest were not immediately available. The Ravens already announced they would not re-sign the 25-year-old Elam when his contract expires next month. They reiterated that in a statement Sunday. A first round draft pick out of Florida in 2013, Elam has just one career interception. He played nine games last season, making one tackle. No lawyer was listed on Elam's jail records.

lets release center Mangold, longest-tenured member of team FLORHAM PARK, N.J. (AP)—The New York Jets

on Saturday released Nick

Mangold, the longest-tenured member of the team. An 11-year pro and a leader in the locker room, Mangold, 33, has said he doesn't plan to retire. A first-round draft pick in 2006 who played his entire career with the Jets, Mangold is a two-time All-Pro and seven-time Pro Bowler. "While this is a sad day to leave so many great coaches, teammates and executives, I look forward to seeing what the future holds for me," Mangold said. "I truly want to thank the fans for their amazing support over the past 11 years. It means a lot to see all the #74 jerseys in the crowd every Sunday. Thank you all for a fantastic 11 years!" Releasing its longest-tenured player saves just under New York \$9.1 million against the salary cap. Mangold missed eight games last season with an ankle injury, which he said made him want to play in 2017. In December, he told The Associated Press: "Shoot, I love football. I miss it dearly, so I'm planning on playing." The Jets have had two regular starting centers since 1998: Kevin Mawae (1988-2005), a Hall of Fame finalist this year, and Mangold (2006-2016). His likely replacement is Wesley Johnson, who filled in last year when Mangold was hurt. But Johnson is a restricted free agent.

are strong, some of the girls took note.

"One of the girls turned around and looked at me and said, "I'm strong, too," Volland told the Times.

Winston was accused of

they were both students at Florida State.

The quarterback has said raping a student in 2012 when they had consensual sex. He in December.

was not arrested and was never charged. Winston and the accuser settled a civil lawsuit

Jerry, Jimmy get healing time as Cowboys celebrate '92 team

DALLAS (AP)—Jimmy Johnson moved from one interview to another, smiling plenty and comfortably addressing questions about his relationship with Jerry Jones in a rare offseason appearance to celebrate the 1992 Dallas Cowboys, who won both their first Super Bowl.

They were in the same building on the 28th anniversary of Jones buying the Cowboys, firing the only coach America's Team ever had in Tom Landry and hiring Johnson, his former college teammate at Arkansas.

And it was about a month shy of 23 years since Jones and Johnson had an acrimonious split after winning a second straight title. The event Saturday night, pitched as the 25th anniversary of the team that started the Dallas dynasty of the 1990s, wasn't a time for bitter memories.

"I'm just happy for what we had," said Johnson, who forced his way out after Jones infamously suggested that 500 coaches could win the Super Bowl with the Dallas roster. "We had a great, great thing going, and so I'll look back at those years and appreciate what we did."

At least a couple of times,

Jones reminded reporters what he said the day he hired Johnson—that the coach who won a national championship and almost had two more at Miami was worth five first-round draft picks.

The brash owner didn't mention the comment that finished off a relationship that was already deteriorating.

"Jimmy and I really understand the circumstances and to some degree we have a good feel for each other, and so I've always had to overlook his foibles, but he's had to overlook mine, too," Jones said. "We just absolutely had five years together that you just can't write a book and make it any more rewarding."

In five seasons under Jones and Johnson, the Cowboys went from 1-15 to two-time Super Bowl champs. Eventually, Dallas became the first franchise to win three Super Bowls in four years, but the third was with Barry Switzer as coach.

Switzer attended the event engineered by Troy Aikman, the quarterback on those three Super Bowl winners. It almost goes without saying that the other two Hall of Fame "Triplets"—all-time NFL rushing leader Emmitt Smith and receiver Michael Irvin—were there.

Johnson, who rarely leaves his home on the Florida Keys in the weeks after the Super Bowl, made it as a favor to Aikman. He told his former quarterback "a long time ago" that if a reunion happened, he would be there.

Jones beat his former coach to the Hall of Fame, getting elected in Houston the night before the Super Bowl. The billionaire former wildcatter will be inducted in August.

Johnson said he saw his former boss there and congratulated him - and made it clear during the reunion that Jones deserved the honor.

"You look at what the impact he has made on the NFL since he's been in the league, the value of every franchise can be attributed really to Jerry Jones," Johnson said. "His passion, his work ethic, and what he's done for the league, he deserves to go in there and I'm happy for him."

Smith has never been sure about the public portrayal of the breakup that some players believe cost the Cowboys a chance to win three straight Super Bowls, something that still hasn't been done. Dallas lost to San Francisco in the NFC championship game in Switzer's first season.

"A lot of the things that was mentioned, yeah, it was bad at the time," Smith said. "But time heals things. And plus, the real skinny, people may not know the real deal. It may have been time for Jimmy to go ahead and say, 'I had enough.""

After two years away from coaching, Johnson replaced Hall of Famer Don Shula with the Miami Dolphins. Four years, a 2-3 playoff record and no more Super Bowl trips later, he left the sideline for good and has been a popular TV studio analyst ever since.

Jones turned the Cowboys into the first pro sports franchise worth \$4 billion, according to Forbes magazine.

"They're going to be connected whether they want to be or not, because of what they did in bringing the Cowboys back," said Nate Newton, an offensive lineman for those Super Bowl winners.

Jones seems to understand

"In a way, the Cowboys helped him get to spend his life the way he wanted to spend it," Jones said. "And the Cowboys made me get to spend the life beyond anything I ever dreamed."

Fowler joins friends in winning and extends youth movement

PALM BEACH GAR-**DENS**, Fla. (AP)—Golf's youngest and biggest stars keep winning.

Rickie Fowler has mostly been watching.

He wasn't in Hawaii when Justin Thomas swept the Aloha State by a combined 10 shots, including a PGA Tour record for 72 holes and a 59 at the Sony Open. He took off the final two weeks of the West Coast swing when Jordan Spieth blew away all his challengers at Pebble Beach, and Dustin Johnson was overwhelming at Riviera.

"It's fun seeing it," Fowler said. "It's motivating to see my friends go win. And to

have them texting me last night and wishing me the best, telling me to go get it done, it's a fun group to be part of because we're all trying to push each other to be the best players we can be.

"We love seeing each other play well," he said. "And we love beating each other when they're at their best."

Sunday at the Honda Classic was Fowler's turn.

He didn't want to recite the entire list of text messages he received, though he mentioned Spieth and Thomas and Rory McIlroy, who has been out with a rib injury the last six weeks. Even that old man in the neighborhood, 41-year-



Golfer Rickie Fowler kisses the Honda Classic trophy after winning the final round of the Honda Classic golf tournament in Palm Beach

Gardens, Fla., on Sunday, Feb. 26, 2017.

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goal two minutes later. Joyce completed the hat trick in the 39th minute, while Ericka Santiago closed out for Kanoa with her goal in the 60th.

Paire 3, Matansa FC 1

In the second game last Saturday, Paire battled back from its season-debut loss with a victory over Matansa.

Erin Frink towed Paire past Matansa after scoring three goals. Her first goal came early as she found her target in the third minute, while the last two were recorded in a span of four minutes as Frink hit the board in the 41st and 45th minute.

Matansa, which fell to a 0-0-2 record to join TanHoldings at the bottom of the team

ing twin digits with Schmidt re-

cording 21, Pagarao chipping in

19, and Esdrelon and Demapan

contributing 15 and 10, respec-

tively, to make up for the absence

In last Thursday's tiff, Mari-

ana Resort broke away in the

third quarter after exploding

of Matt and Ernest Duenas.

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standings, drew its lone goal from Jannah Casarino, who averted the shutdown in the 48th minute.

Southern 2. MP United 2

MP United foiled the upset bid of the debuting Southern FC after forcing a draw in the curtain-raiser last week.

Southern, which is competing in the division for the first time, boosted its chances to enter the win column after Mariana Castro scored in the 37th minute for their 2-0 advantage. Ten minutes earlier. Keisha De Leon Guerrero handed Southern its first goal of the season.

A conversion from Francesca Bucalig in the 39th minute moved MP United within one and the squad went on to equalize, thanks to Maya Shi-

Before the juggernaut, Mar-

iana Resort was just ahead by

3 at halftime, 35-32. The Pool

B leader nearly matched in the

penultimate quarter its total

output in the first half to enjoy

a 68-43 advantage, going into

Mel Sakisat paced Mariana

Resort with his 24 points, 12 of

them came in the pivotal third

period. Sandrew Kania added

16, while Jun Fidelino, Prince

the fourth canto.

mizu's shot in the 56th minute. With the draw, MP United now has 1-1-0 card.

BOYS U17 TanHoldings 1, Paire O

TanHoldings made it three in a row after slipping past Paire in the first game in the division at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

Jonathan Capayas scored the lone goal for TanHoldings in the 68th minute. With its three-game winning streak, TanHoldings kept the top spot, while Paire fell to the bottom of the team standings after absorbing its second loss in as many matches.

Kanoa 4, Matansa 1

Kanoa snapped its two-game losing skid after downing Matansa in the other match in the division.

Factor, and J.R. Lifoifoi also

scored in double figures with

16, 15, and 10, respectively.

Kanoa, which fell to MP United and TanHoldings, drew goals from four different players to break into the win column. Angelo Ada put Kanoa on the board with his equalizer in the 34th minute. Earlier in the opening minute, Joshua De Leon found the back of the net to give Matansa the lead.

The game remained in a deadlock in the first half before Ian Karl Maniago's goal just five minutes into the second half put Kanoa in front. It was all Kanoa from thereon with Jhoey Noble scoring in the 63rd minute and Andruw Omelau also lighting up the board for the winning team three minutes later.

Matansa's long silence after De Leon's goal handed the team its second defeat in as many games.

Scoring by quarters: 23-16, 35-32, 68-43, 90-62.

Thursday Game

Marianas Resort 90 - Sakisat 24, Kani 17, Fidelino 16, Factor 15, J. Lifoifoi 10, Prado 6, Lifoifoi 5.

Star Water 62 - Gallardo 28, Dizon 14, Brel 7, Santos 4, Quiban 3, Gille 2, Ombac 2, Rojas 2.

Friday Game

TanHoldings 80 - Schmidt 21, Pagarao 19, Esdrelon 15, Demapan 10, Nonato 8, Pablo 3, Macoto 2.

CUC 74 - Manglona 42, Santos 11, Spaeth 9, Mira 6, Simada 3, Pestillos 2, Lieto 2.

Scoring by quarters: 27-14, 42-28, 65-47, 80-74.

KENTO

for 33 points.

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in 1:10.41. Villacrusis posted 1:23:10, while Boyer submitted 1:24.10, and Pierce registered 1:37.98. In 100m breaststroke, Kento touched the wall more than five minutes ahead of Villacrusis after recording 1:16.44 against the latter's 1:22.16.

For this fourth event—the 100m freestyle—Kento was the lone swimmer in his age group to finish the race under one minute after logging 58.86 seconds. Villacrusis placed second with his 1:03.36 and was followed by Boyer (1:06.73) and Pierce (1:20.85). Then in the 200M individual medley, Kento also dominated his division after checking in at 2:27.73. Villacrusis timed

at 2:45.70, while Boyer and Pierce submitted 2:57.62 and 3:25.16, respectively.

Meanwhile, SSC's Lennosuke Suzuki and Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan's Sophia Gauran, Juhn Tenorio, Nanaka Watanabe, Isaiah Aleksenko, Ashley and Aasish Dangol, and Maria Batallones were the other top finishers in their respective age groups.

Lennosuke ruled the boys 13 to 14 division after getting first place in all five events. He gained 45 points to down Tsunami Saipan's Nelson Batallones (34 points) and teammate Taiga Sato (31). In the girls division, Gauran won a close battle against fellow Tsunami Saipan swimmer Aika Watanabe with the former collecting 40 points against the

latter's 38. Not far behind at third place was SSC's Jin Ju Thompson, who was awarded 32 points.

In the boys 11 to 12 age group, the fight for the No. 1 spot was also decided by only 2 points with Tenorio getting 41 markers against the 39 of SSC's Jinnosuke Suzuki. Tenorio topped the 100m butterfly, 50m backstroke, and 50m breaststroke to edge Jinnosuke, who swept the last two events-50m freestyle and 200m IM. SSC's Taiyo Akimaru finished third after tallying 30 points.

In the girls 11 to 12, Nanaka had a convincing win after gathering 45 points against the 34 of fellow Tsunami Saipan swimmer Asaka Litulumar. Ayumi Obligacion, also of Tsunami Saipan, placed third with her 31 markers.

In the 9 to 10 age group, Aleksenko and Ashlev reigned supreme after winning all their five races and collecting 45 points each. In the boys division, Aleksenko prevailed against Hans Xu (35) and Takeru Jim (30), while in the girls class, Ashley defeated teammate Shoko Litulumar (35) and SSC's Savita Sikkel (30).

In the boys U8 division, Tsunami Saipan also had a 1-2 finish with Aasish Dangol earning 36 points for the top honors and Kouki Watanabe scoring 28 for the runner-up place. SSC's Moshe Sikkel totaled 18 points to round out the Top 3 in the boys division, while Maria Batallones was the lone entry in the girls side.

with a message to Fowler for him to get it done.

And that's what he did, though Fowler could have done without a brief spell of suspense.

Fowler now has four PGA Tour victories, which is solid for a 28-yearold in his eighth season on the

PGA Tour, though doesn't quite stack up with McIlroy, Johnson, Spieth, or even Thomas. The knock on Fowler always has been whether he wins enough to match his marketing machine. He's heard that before.

What really got under his skin was knowing that in four previous occasions that he has at least a share of the 54-hole lead on the PGA Tour, he had failed to win. Not only that, he had never broken par in the final round when leading.

His best chance was at PGA National on a Sunday afternoon that turned blustery.

Fowler had a four-shot lead

old Tiger Woods, chimed in and he never lost it, though there were a few nervous moments. From behind the fourth green, his putt up the slope found the wrong hole - a sprin-

kler head - and led to bogey. Two holes later, he

hooked his tee shot into the water and made double bogey.

He could afford that with a four-shot lead.

But when Gary Woodland started to make a run, Fowler suddenly was only one shot ahead, and it then became a chance to fail.

But only briefly.

He rolled in a 40-foot birdie putt on No. 12. He added a 25-foot birdie putt on No. 13. That restored his cushion and his comfort, and when he stuffed a 5-iron from 181 yards into the wind and over the lake at No. 16 to 3 feet and made another birdie, the tournament effectively was over.

"My putter saved me," Fowler said. "If I don't make those putts, I've got a pretty tight race.'

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

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.702 x-Golden State 49 Cleveland 30 30 28 29 29 .508 L.A. Clippers 36 Chicago Indiana .508 .424 241/2 13 14 .475 19 Detroit L.A. Lakers .317 31 26 Milwaukee Phoenix

x-clinched playoff spot

HONDA CLASSIC SCORES

J.T. Poston (26), \$40,832

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PALM BEACH GARDENS, Florida (AP) — Scores Sunday in the Honda Classic, a PGA Tour event at the 7,140-yard, par-70 PGA National (Champions Course)

Final	
Rickie Fowler (500), \$1,152,000	66-66-65-71—268
Morgan Hoffmann (245), \$563,200	
Gary Woodland (245), \$563,200	71-66-66-69—272
Wesley Bryan (100), \$232,000	64-67-72-70—273
Chad Collins (100), \$232,000	70-67-67-69—273
Tyrrell Hatton, \$232,000	68-67-66-72—273
Billy Horschel (100), \$232,000	70-68-67-68—273
Martin Kaymer, \$232,000	65-70-68-70—273
Jhonattan Vegas (100), \$232,000	67-73-69-64-273
Graham DeLaet (75), \$172,800	66-68-70-70—274
Paul Casey (65), \$147,200	68-70-67-70—275
Anirban Lahiri (65), \$147,200	65-68-71-71—275
Sean O'Hair (65), \$147,200	66-72-65-72—275
Jason Dufner (51), \$102,400	71-66-67-72—276
Sergio Garcia (51), \$102,400	68-71-66-71—276
Graeme McDowell (51), \$102,400	72-67-68-69—276
Francesco Molinari (51), \$102,400	68-69-67-72—276
Adam Scott (51), \$102,400	68-69-71-68-276
Brendan Steele (51), \$102,400	73-65-70-68—276
Nick Watney (51), \$102,400	71-67-73-65—276
Lucas Glover (38), \$64,000	69-69-68-71—277
Brandon Hagy (38), \$64,000	67-73-64-73—277
Louis Oosthuizen (38), \$64,000	70-70-68-69—277
J.J. Spaun (38), \$64,000	68-68-72-69-277
Scott Stallings (38), \$64,000	67-68-71-71—277
Jimmy Walker (38), \$64,000	70-69-65-73—277
Bud Cauley (26), \$40,832	72-66-67-73—278
Stewart Cink (26), \$40,832	69-71-68-70—278
Luke Donald (26), \$40,832	69-67-69-73—278

Jim Herman (26), \$40,832

Zach Johnson (26), \$40,832

Marc Leishman (26), \$40,832

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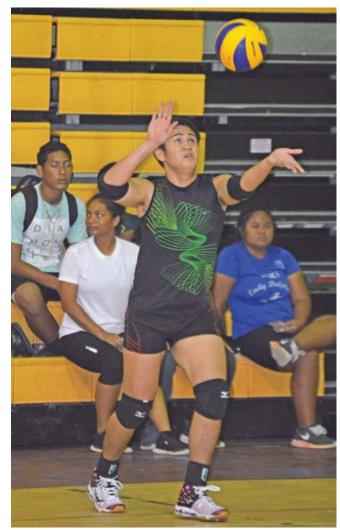
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2017 VolleyTime Tournament



ROSELYN B. MONROYO The Ball Crushers' Bryan Valenton serves against Set It & 4Get It during their game in the 2017 VolleyTime Tournament last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



Swerve Up's Toni Yamada bumps the ball. ROSELYN B. MONROYO A Mix Blood player leans in for

ROSELYN B. MONROYO





Ball Crushers players celebrate their title win.



The Ball Crushers' Jonas Barcinas tosses the



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Two Set It & 4Get It players attempts a return



Goal Diggers players pose for a photo after winning the women's division championship.

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By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

aipan Swim Club's Kento Akimaru won the all-SSC battle for the top honors in the boys 15 to 16 division of the 2016 Pentathlon Meet held last Feb. 18 at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi.

Kento swept the five events to collect 45 points and beat fellow SSC members Christian Villacrusis (35 points), David Boyer (30), and R.J. Pierce (25). Saipan Swin. The 16-year-old swimmer started his run in the

weekend meet with a nearly

six-second lead against Vil-

lacrusis in the 100m butterfly as Kento timed in at 1:03.99 over the latter's 1:09.71. Boyer and Pierce clocked in at 1:09.90 and 1:40.55, respectively. In the 100m backstroke, Kento was way ahead of the field after completing the two-lap race

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lariana Resort, TanHoldings near sweep

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Mariana Resort and TanHoldings moved a win away from sweeping the regular season of the JEM Company Ltd./Mobil Customer Appreciation Basketball League after defeating their respective opponents last week at the Gillette Multipurpose Gym-

Mariana Resort eased past Star Water last Thursday, 90-62, to improve to a 6-0 record and keep the top spot in seven-team Pool B. The group leader will go for the sweep on March 3 when it takes on Westco.

In Pool A, TanHoldings also holds a 6-0 card following an 80-74 triumph over Commonwealth Utilities. Corp. (3-3) last Friday.

TanHoldings led early to

gain enough cushion against CUC's rally in the fourth quarter. The Pool A leader went up

by a baker's dozen in the opening canto, thanks to Douglas Schmidt's 10 points in the first



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

TanHoldings' Elmer Esdrelon has nowhere to go against the defense of CUC's Robert Lieto, right, and Giovanni Mira during the second quarter of their game in the JEM/Mobil caging last Friday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

quarter. Schmidt added 5 more markers in the second period and was backed up buy R.J. Nonato and Lerio Pagarao as TanHoldings widened the gap at the break, 42-28.

TanHoldings then established its biggest advantage in the third, 65-47, with Bart Demapan and Elmer Esdrelon stepping up at the start of the second half, combining for 15 of their 24 markers.

The 18-point lead going into the fourth canto allowed Tan-Holdings to withstand CUC's comeback bid. CUC trimmed the deficit down to single digits behind the successive baskets of Eugene Manglona, but fell short in the end.

Manglona led all scorers with his 42 points, but only him and John Santos tallied double figures for CUC with the latter adding 11. TanHoldings had four players register-

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Kanoa FC's Paulyn Grace Joyce, center, faces two TanHoldings defenders during their girls U15 division game in the NMIFA youth league last Saturday at the Francisco Mendiola Sablan Middle School Field.

Kanoa gets early lead in girls U15

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO place in the division with

Football Kanoa Club got another shutout win after dominating Tan-Holdings FC, 5-0, in

the girls U15 division of the 2017 NMIFA Youth Spring League last Saturday at the Francisco Mendiola Sablan Middle School Field.

Paulyn Grace Joyce had a hat trick for Kanoa, which now moves to solo first

its 2-0-0 win-draw-loss record. Joyce and company also blanked Paire in their season-debut game,

Mariana Islands 3-0, last Feb. 18. Football Association Joyce first blood for

Kanoa with her shot in the seventh minute and her team went on to take a 3-0 halftime edge after Princess Alcantara scored in the 26th minute and the former earned her second

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